

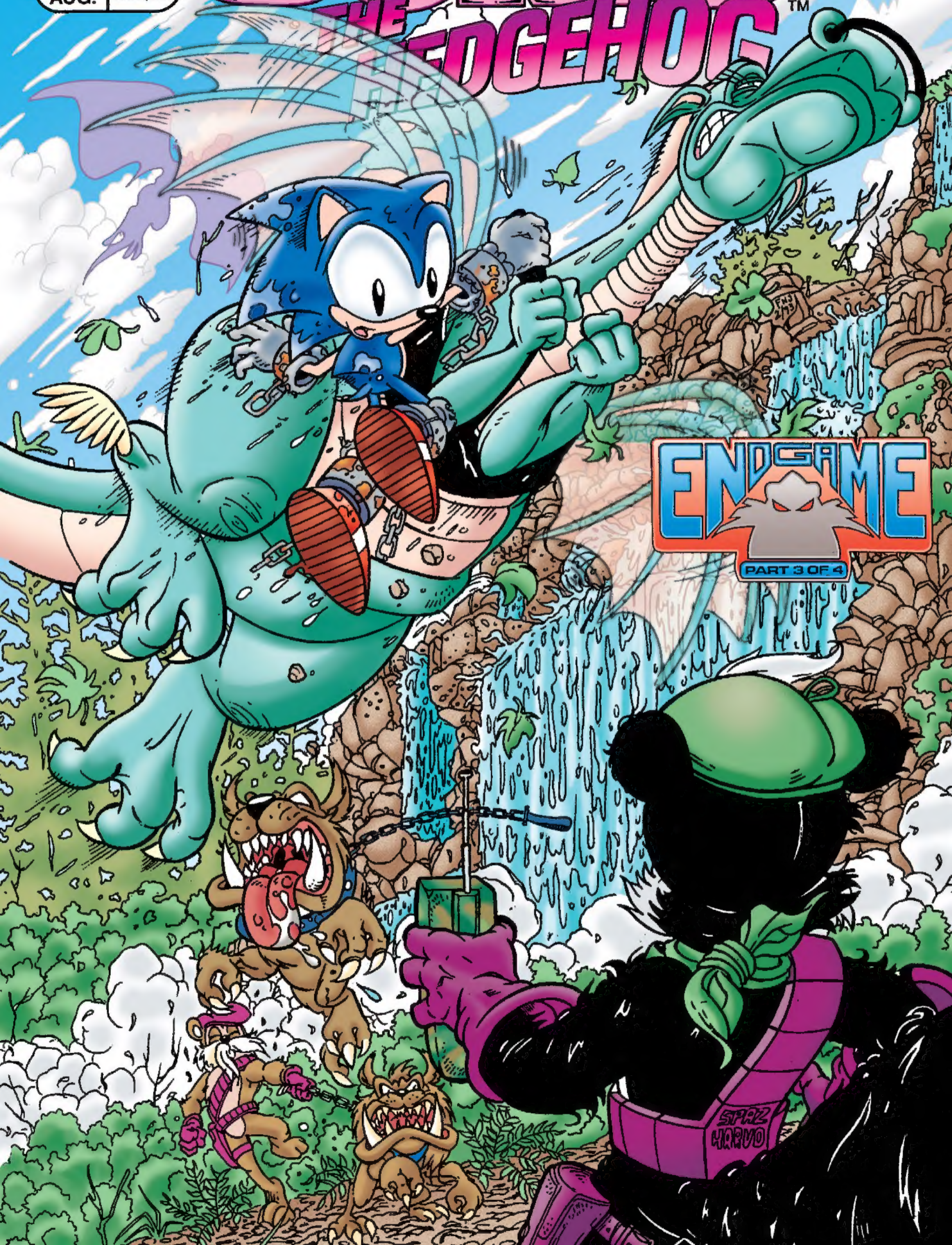
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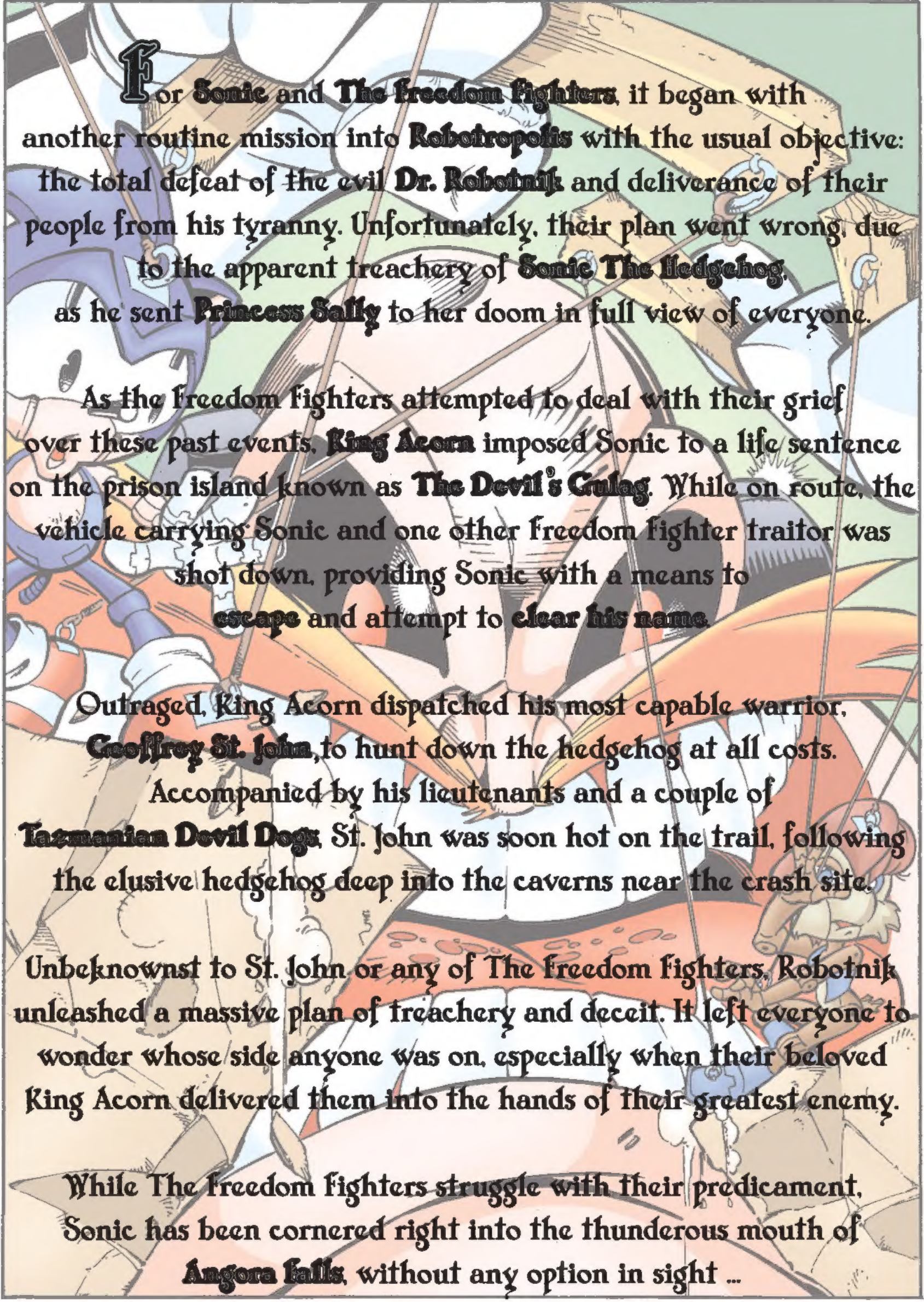
SONIC

THE EDGEHOG™



ENDGAME
PART 3 OF 4

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For **Sonic** and **The Freedom Fighters**, it began with another routine mission into **Robotropolis** with the usual objective: the total defeat of the evil **Dr. Robotnik** and deliverance of their people from his tyranny. Unfortunately, their plan went wrong, due to the apparent treachery of **Sonic The Hedgehog**, as he sent **Princess Sally** to her doom in full view of everyone.

As the Freedom Fighters attempted to deal with their grief over these past events, **King Acorn** imposed Sonic to a life sentence on the prison island known as **The Devil's Gulag**. While on route, the vehicle carrying Sonic and one other Freedom Fighter traitor was shot down, providing Sonic with a means to **escape** and attempt to **clear his name**.

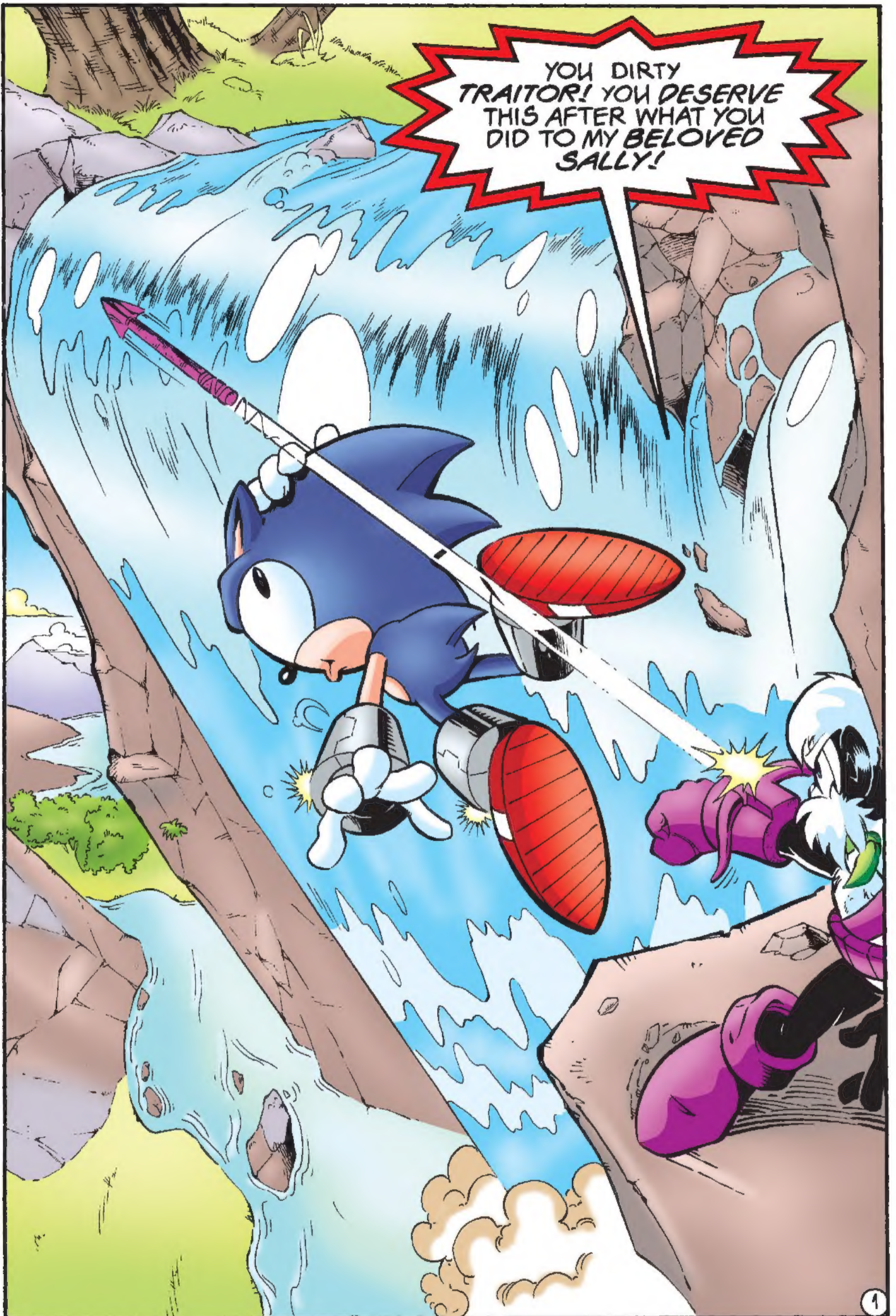
Outraged, King Acorn dispatched his most capable warrior, **Geoffrey St. John**, to hunt down the hedgehog at all costs.

Accompanied by his lieutenants and a couple of **Tazmanian Devil Dogs**, St. John was soon hot on the trail, following the elusive hedgehog deep into the caverns near the crash site.

Unbeknownst to St. John or any of The Freedom Fighters, Robotnik unleashed a massive plan of treachery and deceit. It left everyone to wonder whose side anyone was on, especially when their beloved King Acorn delivered them into the hands of their greatest enemy.

While The Freedom Fighters struggle with their predicament, Sonic has been cornered right into the thunderous mouth of **Angora Falls**, without any option in sight ...

YOU DIRTY
TRAITOR! YOU DESERVE
THIS AFTER WHAT YOU
DID TO MY BELOVED
SALLY!





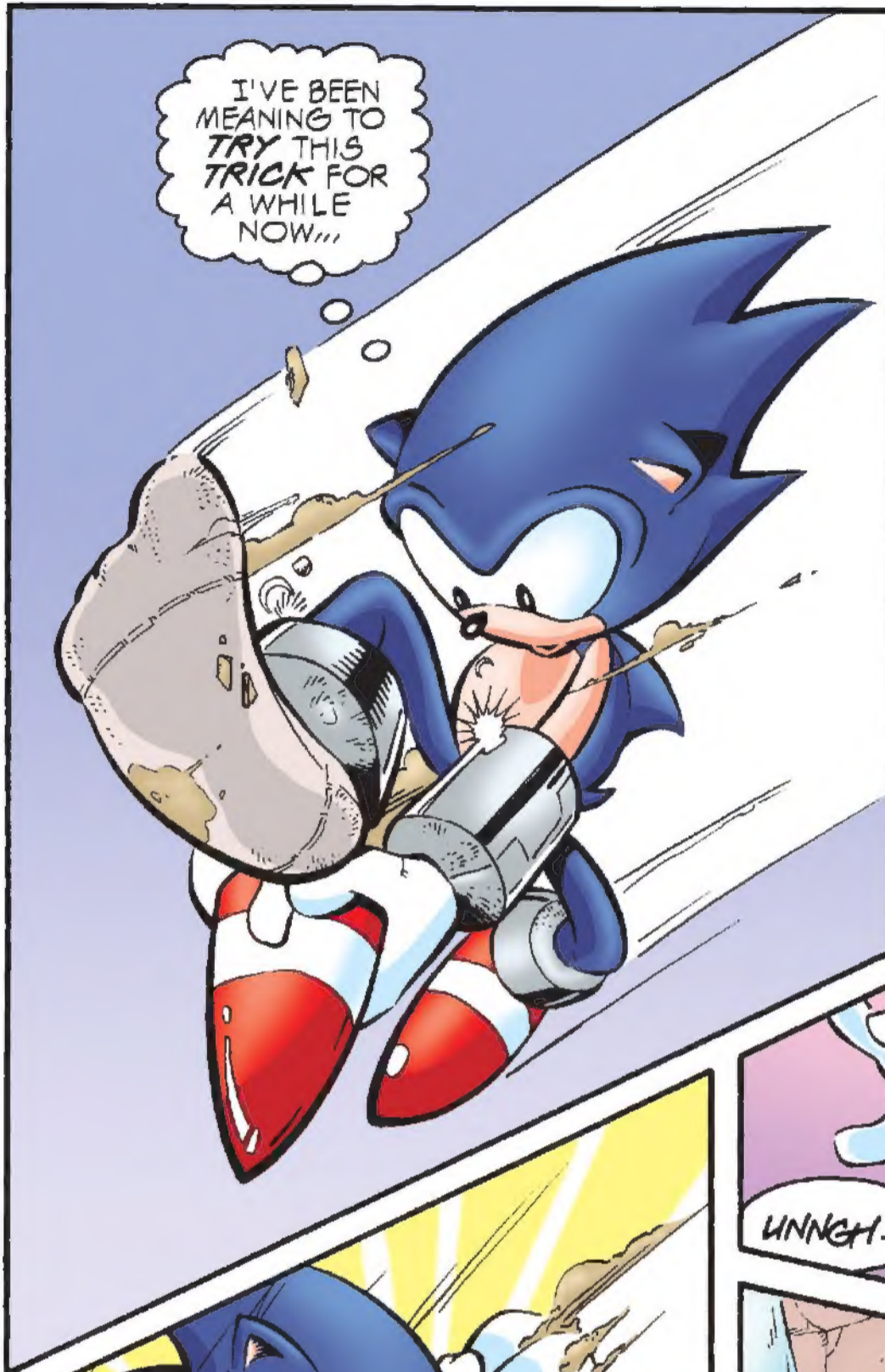
THERE'S *NO WAY*
I'LL SURVIVE THIS FALL
UNLESS I START HOVERING...
GOTTA TRY MY PATENTED
FIGURE EIGHT!*

*FIRST SEEN IN THE
CLASSIC 5TH#25,
-- EDITOR.

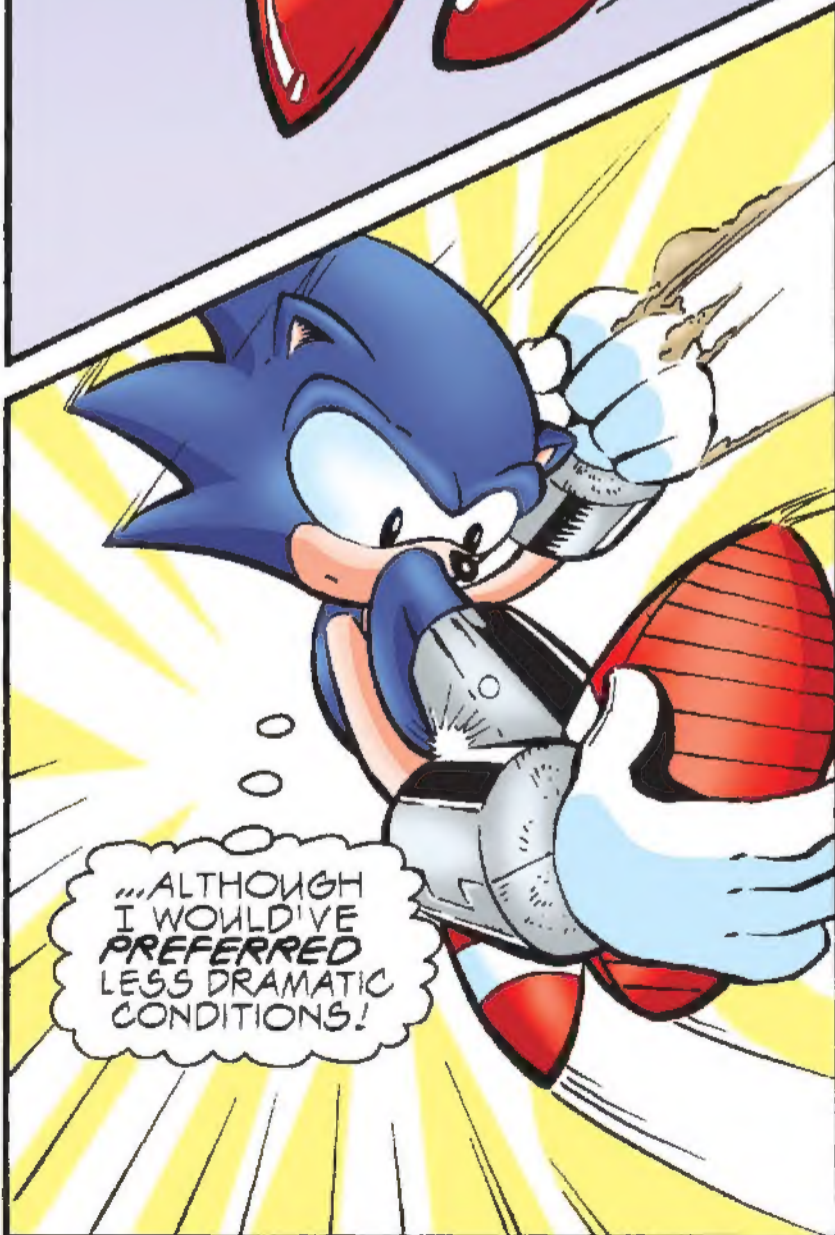
OUCH!
MY LEGS ARE
CRAMPING
UP!

I'M MENTALLY
AND PHYSICALLY
EXHAUSTED BY
ALL THAT'S
HAPPENED!

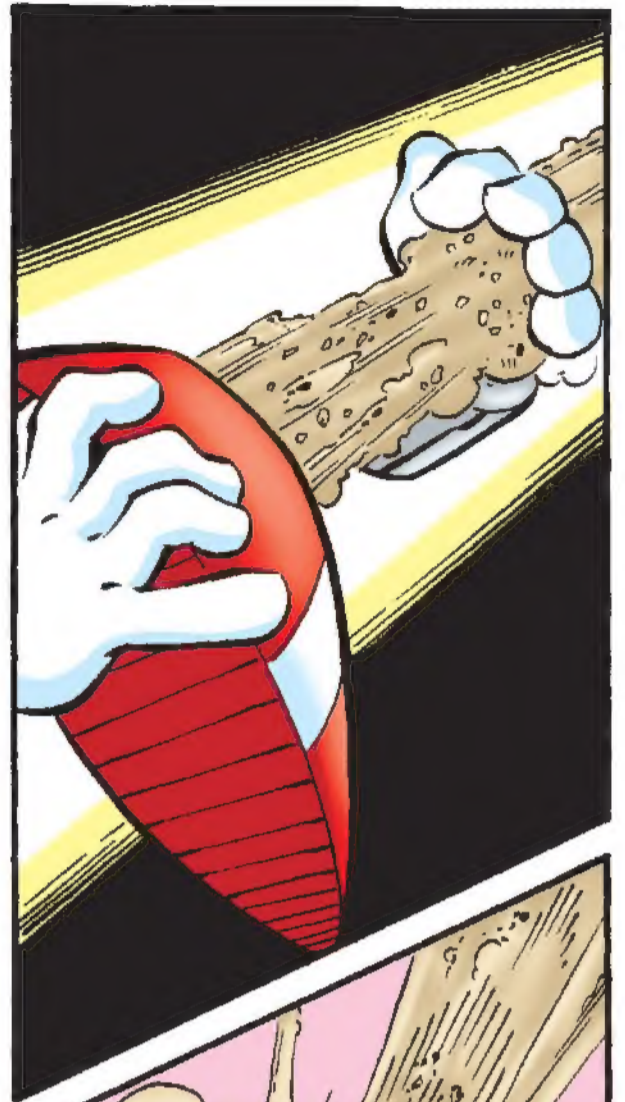
SALLY'S DEATH,
THE KING'S SENTENCE,
THE CRASH, RUNNING
AND HIDING IN THE
CAVERNS... I'M GONNA
GO SPLAT!



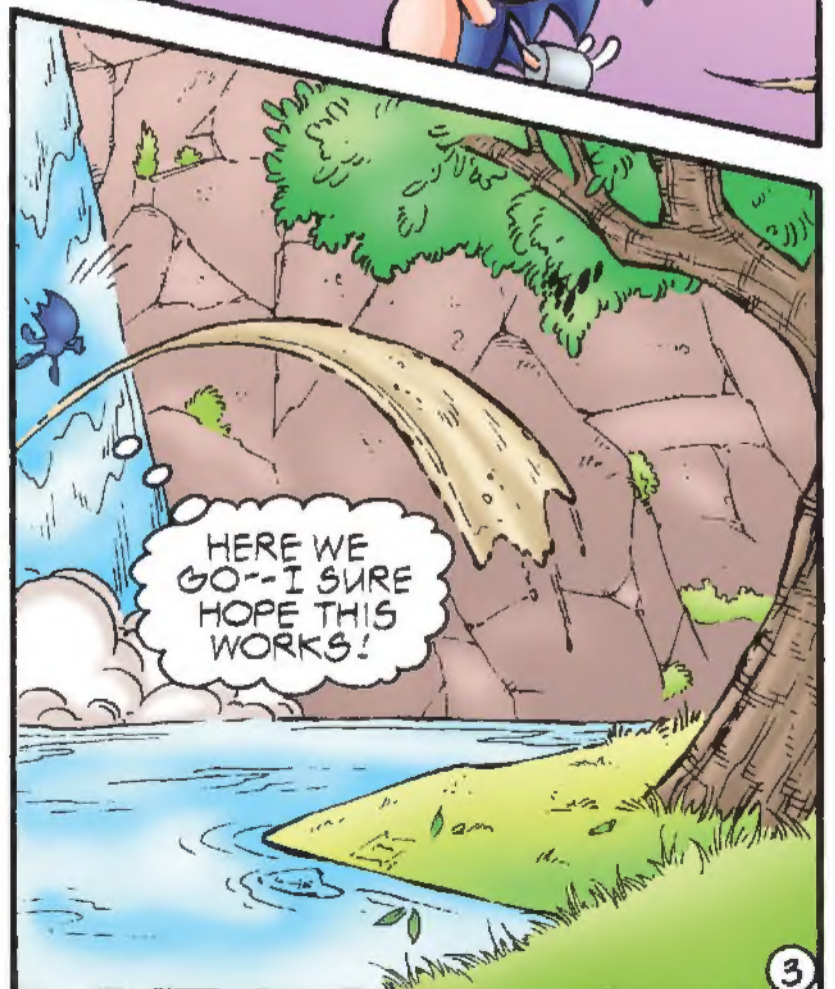
I'VE BEEN
MEANING TO
TRY THIS
TRICK FOR
A WHILE
NOW!!!



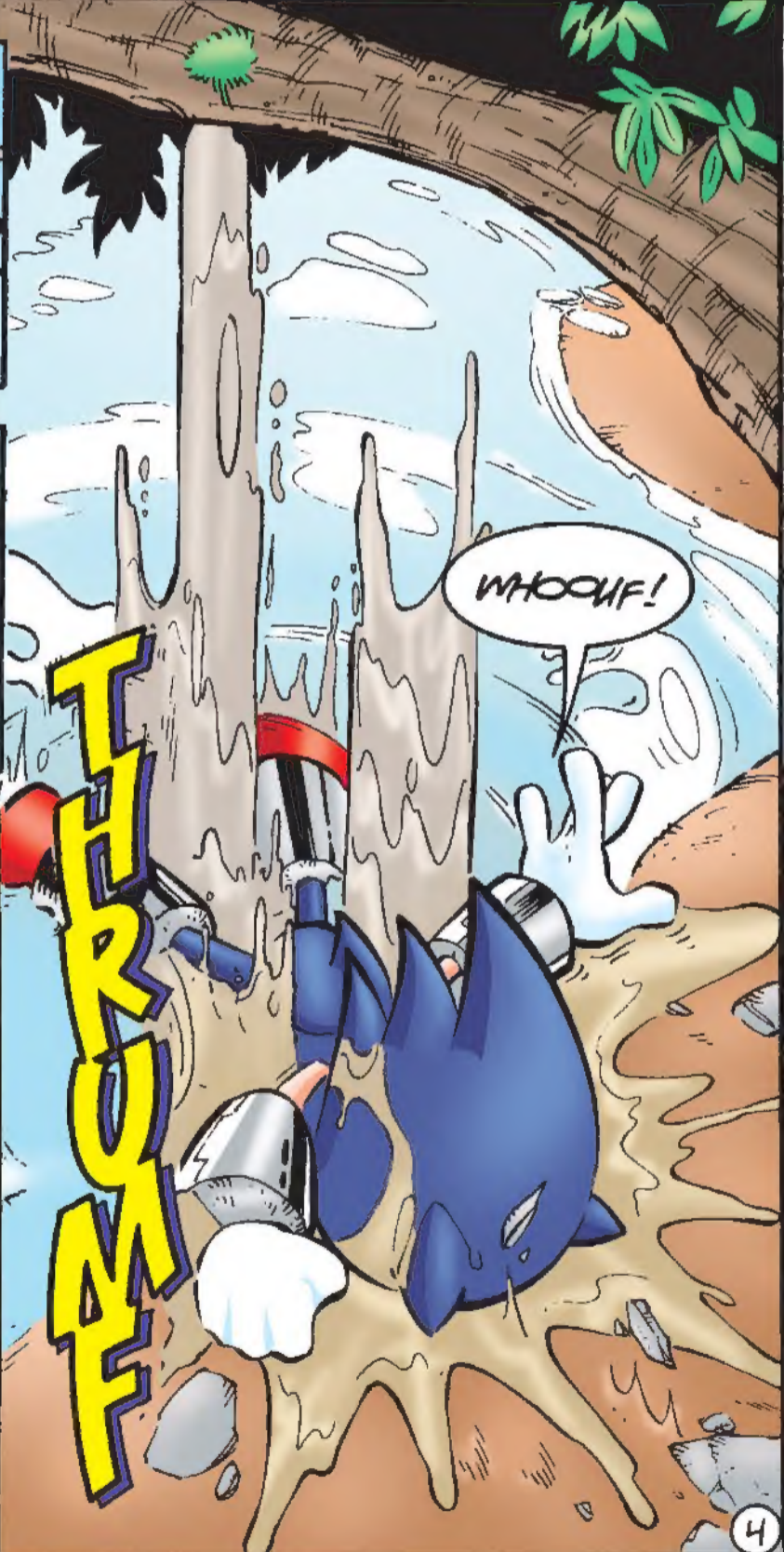
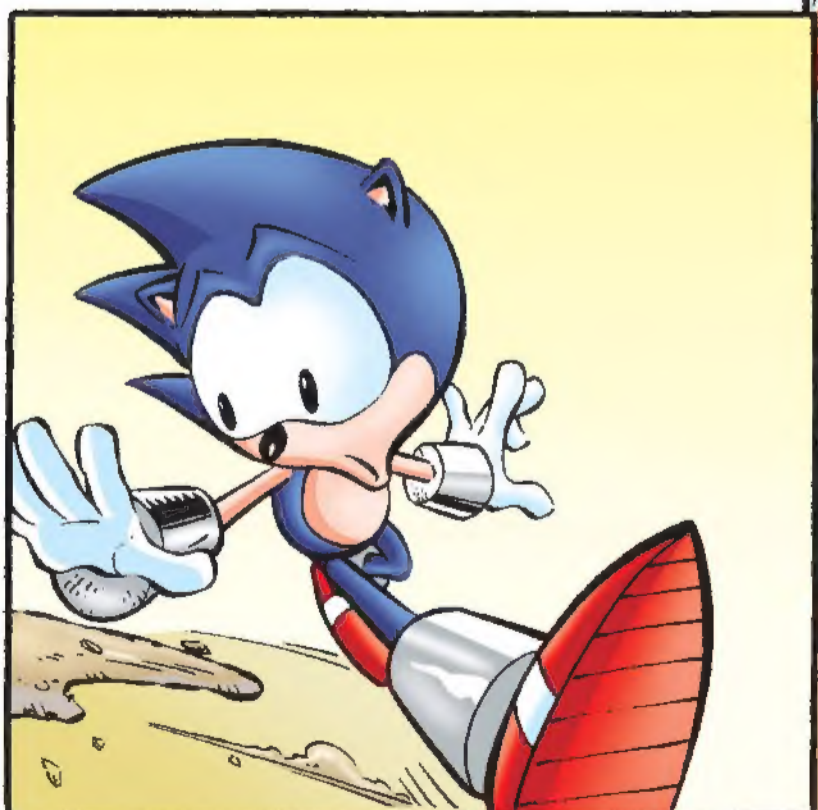
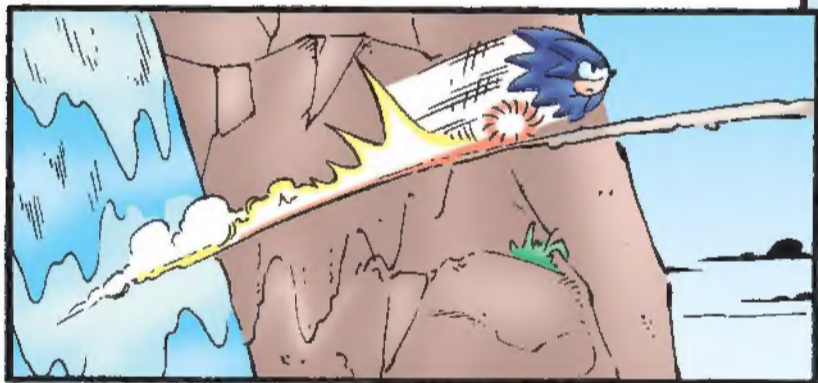
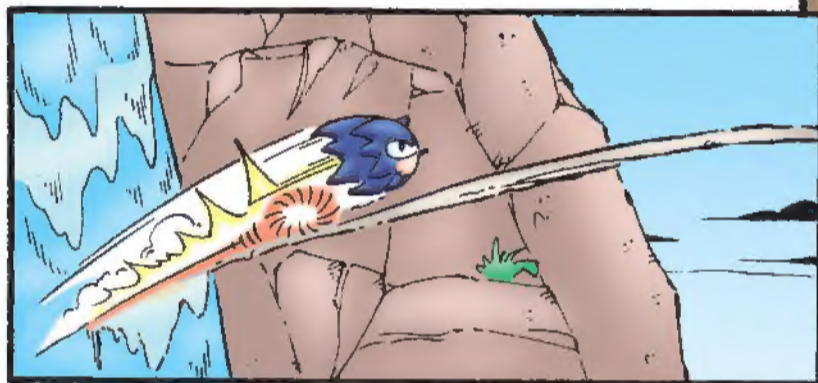
...ALTHOUGH
I WOULD'VE
PREFERRED
LESS DRAMATIC
CONDITIONS!

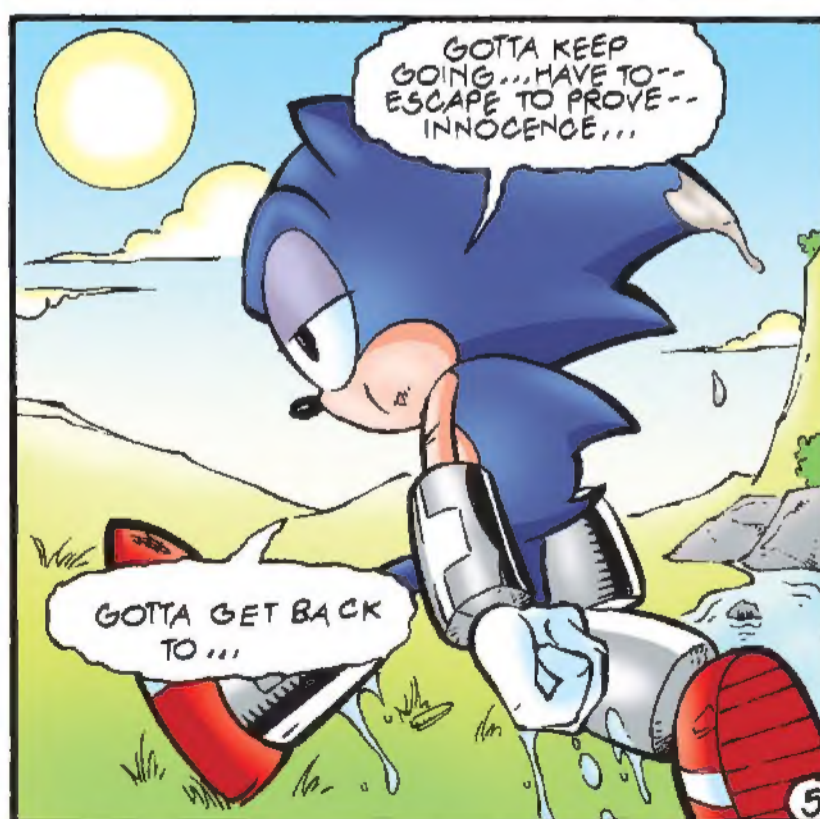
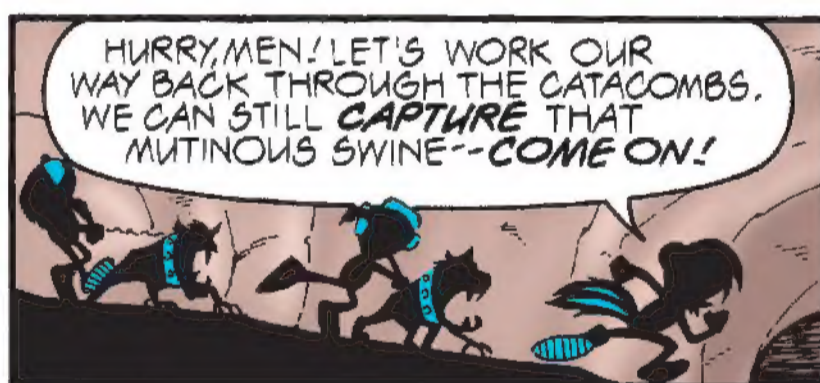


UNNGH!



HERE WE
GO--I SURE
HOPE THIS
WORKS!





--"KNOTHOLE!"

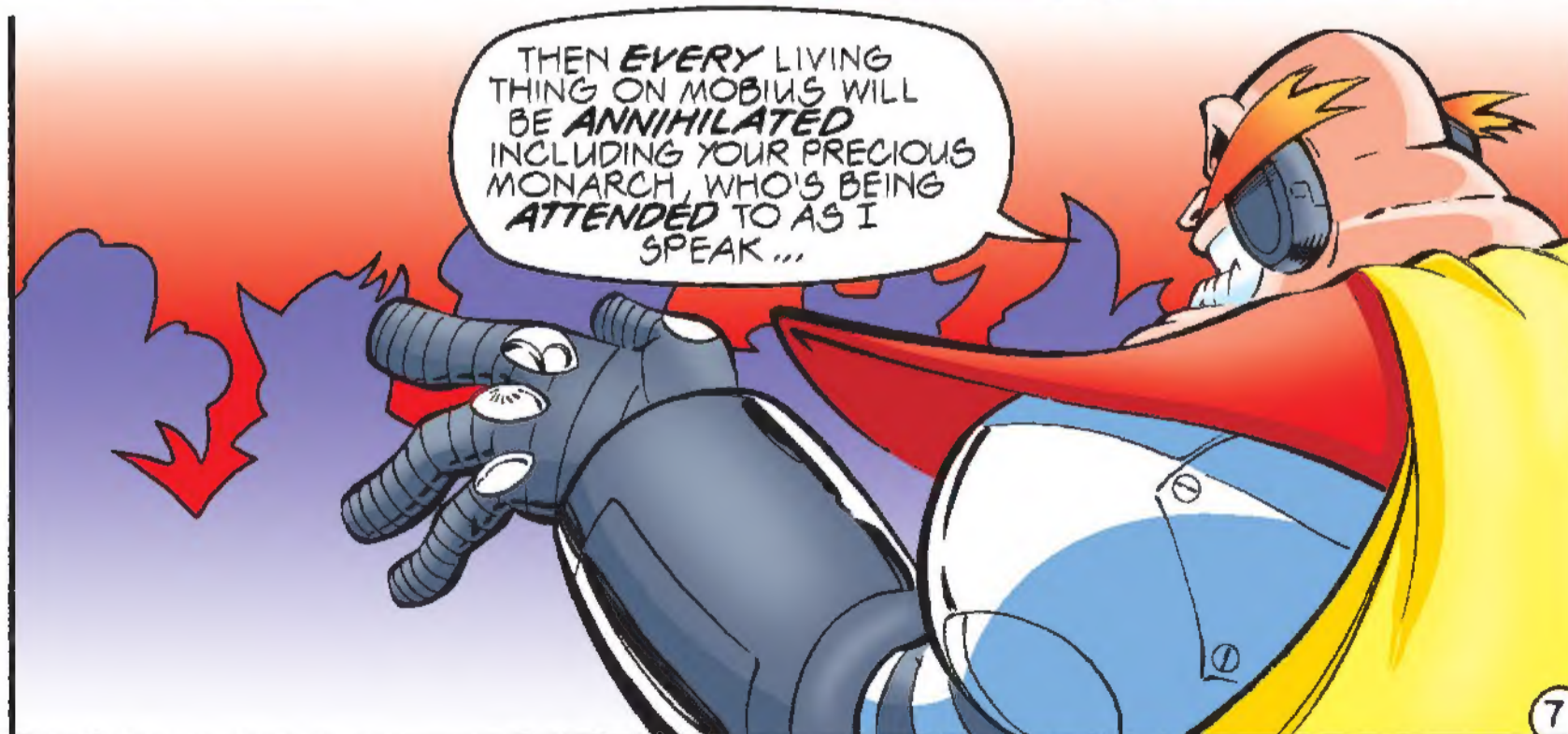
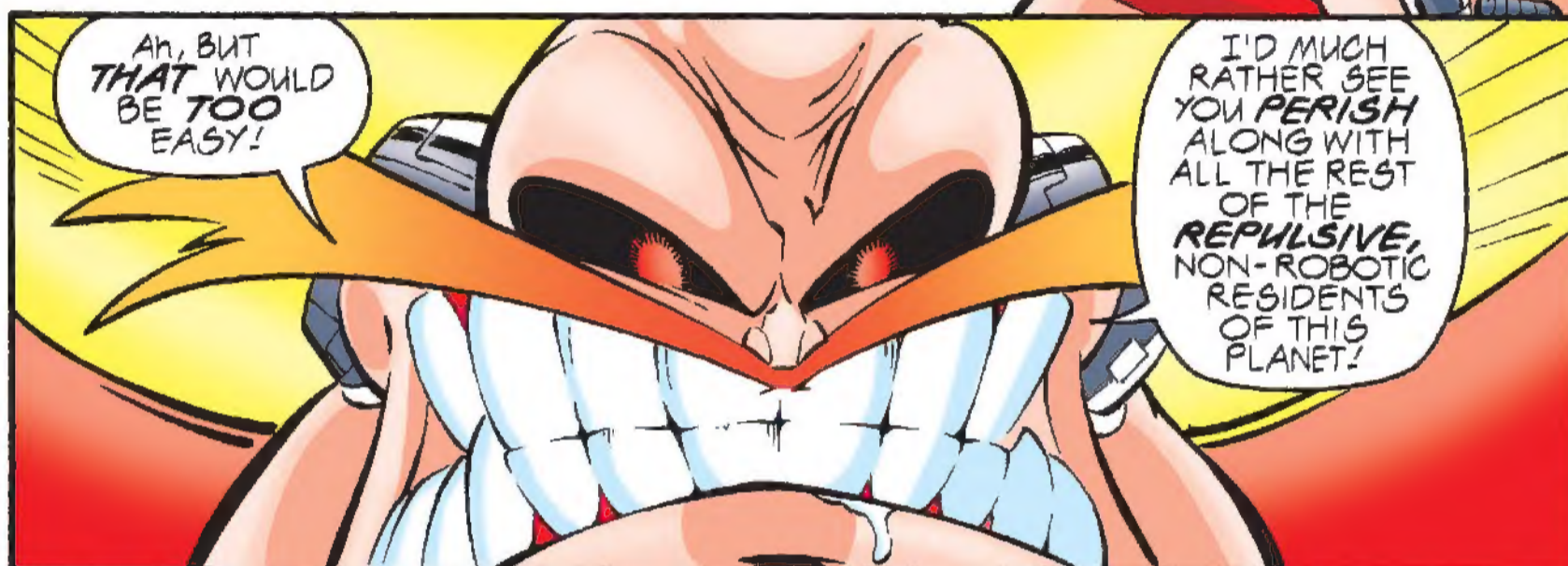
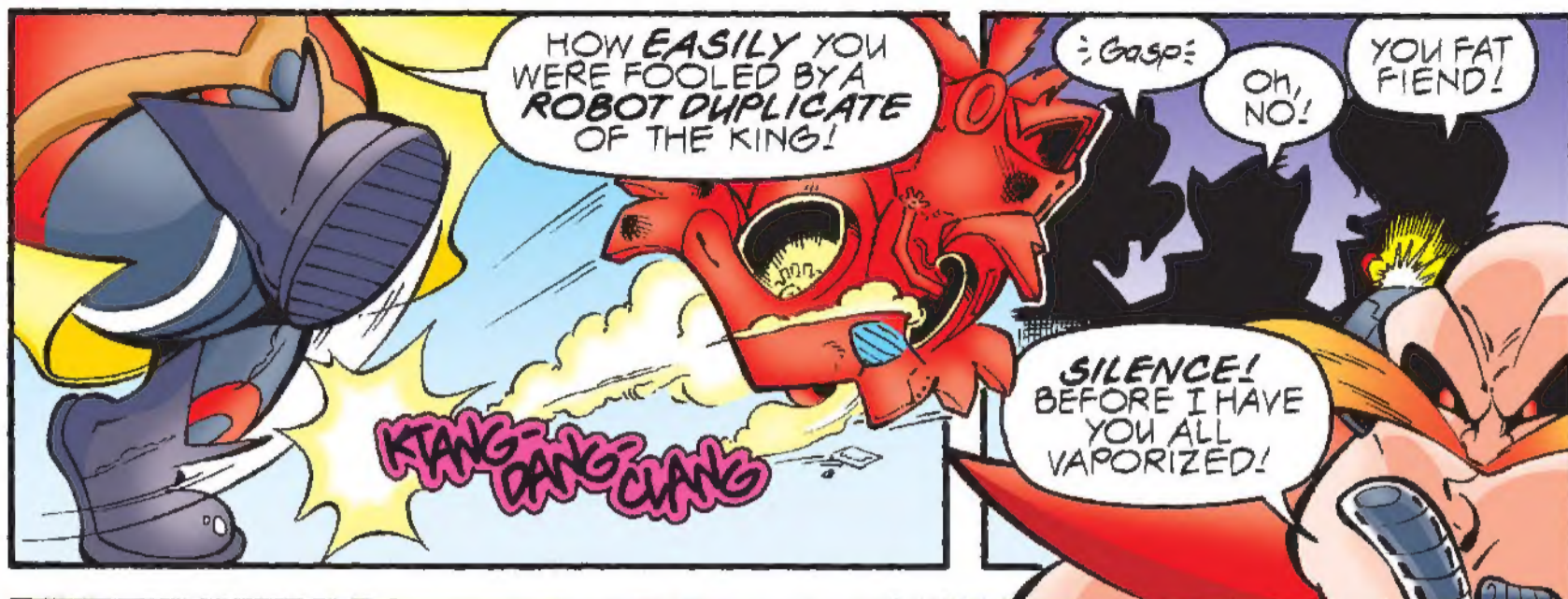
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

HAS INDEED BETRAYED
YOU!

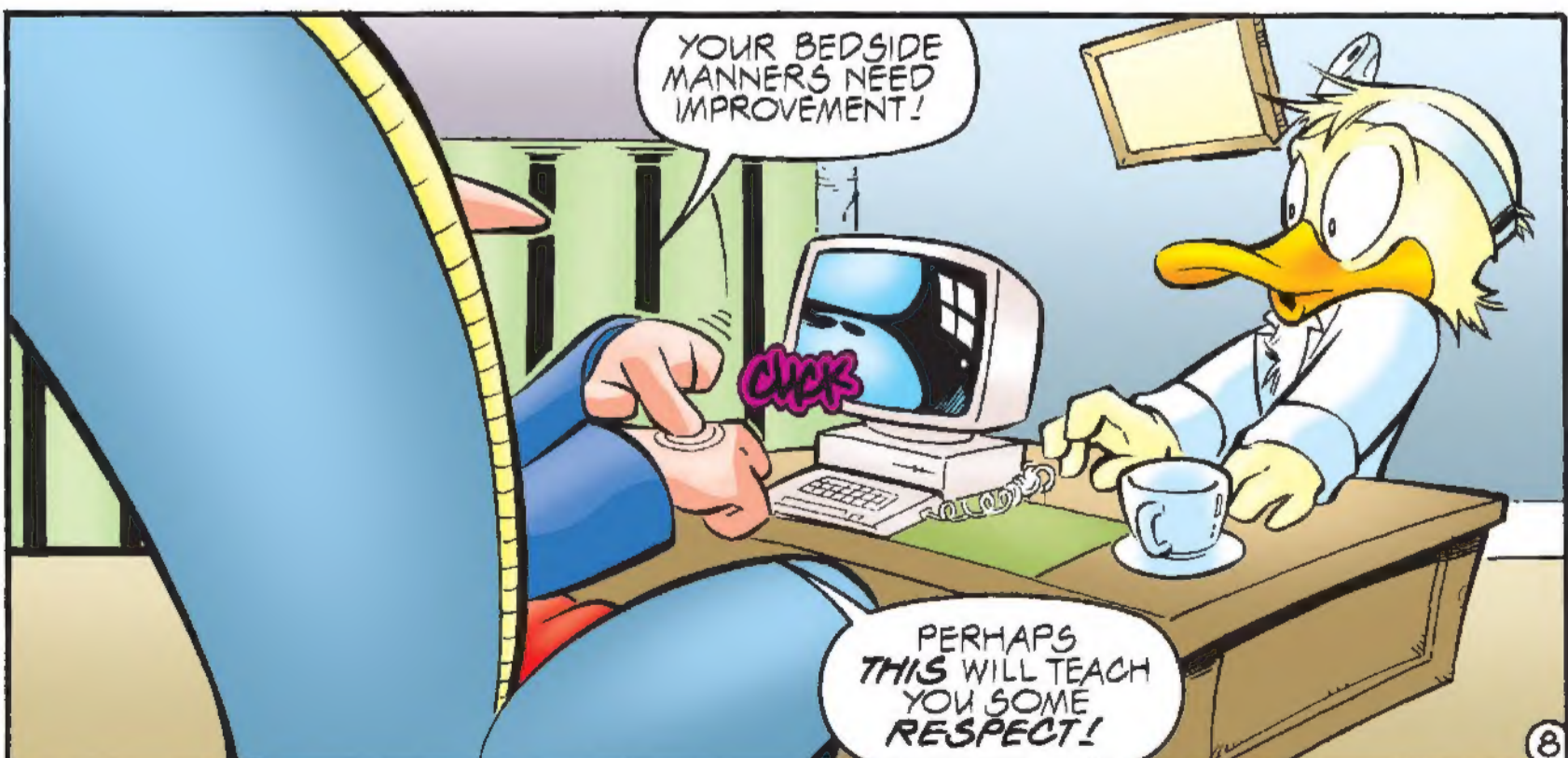
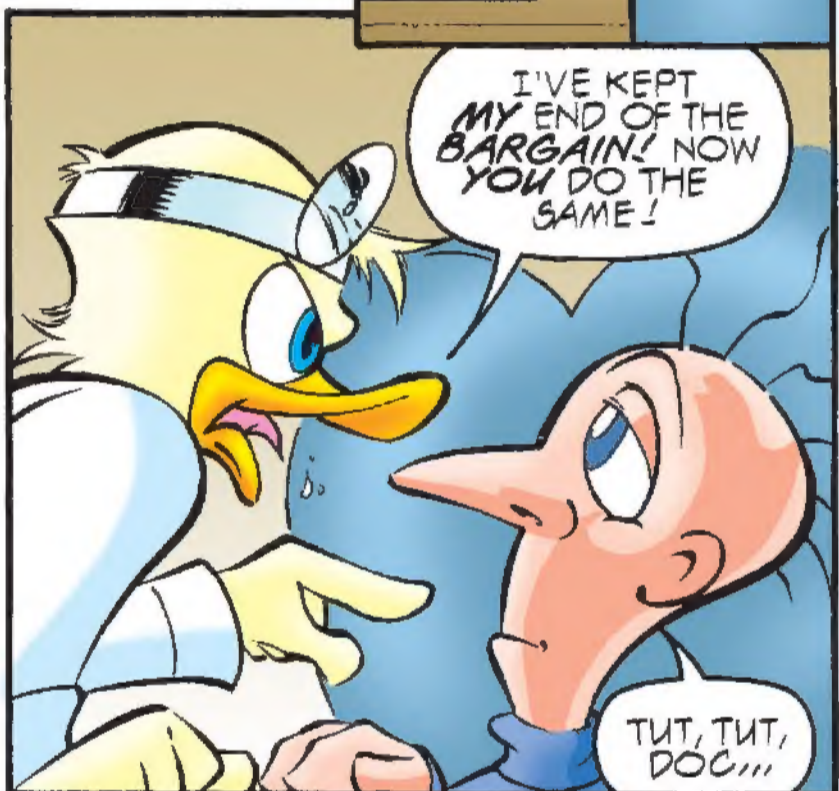
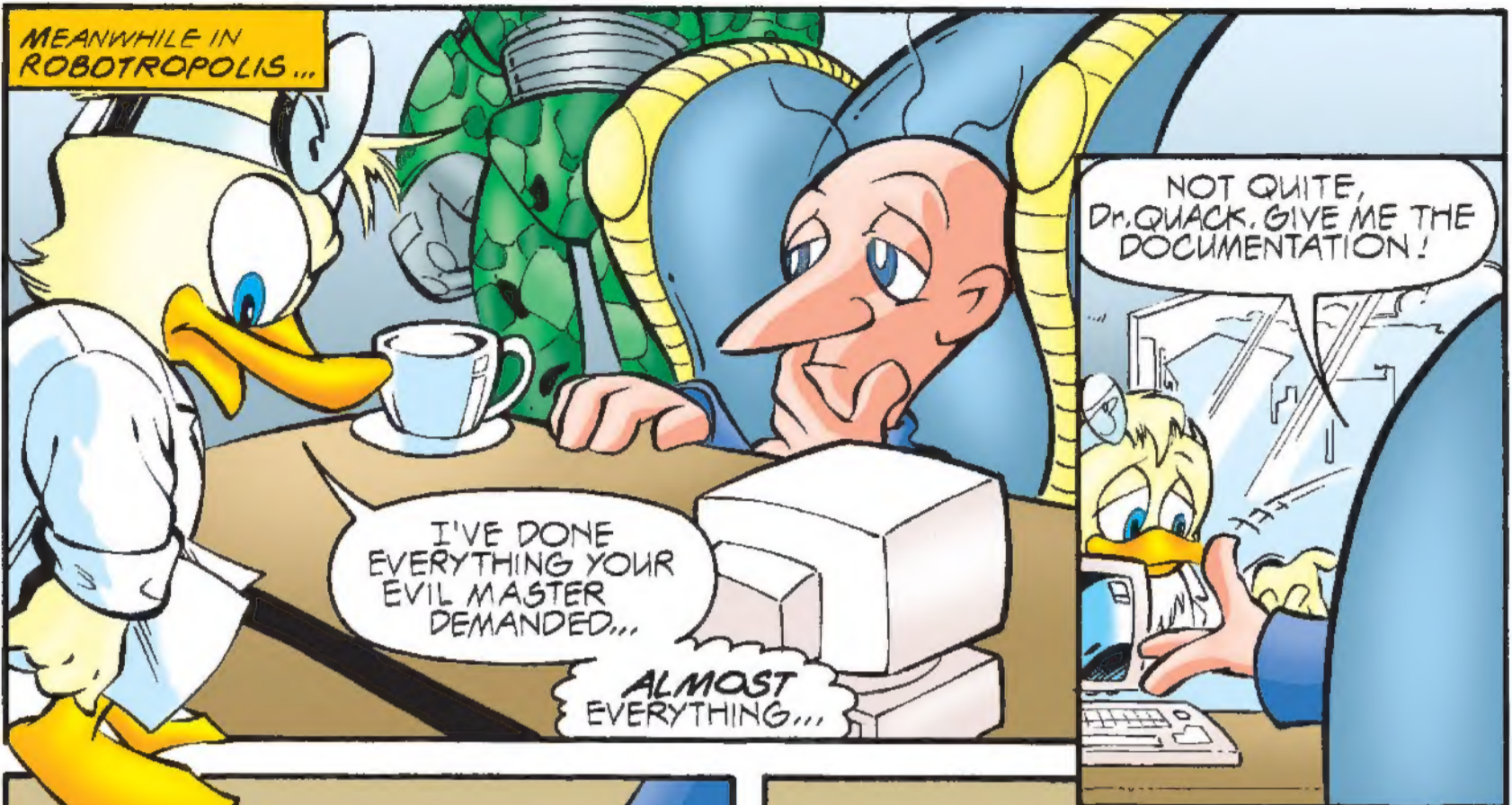
BUT DESPITE
WHAT YOU'RE ALL
THINKING, KING
ACORN *HAS*
NOT!

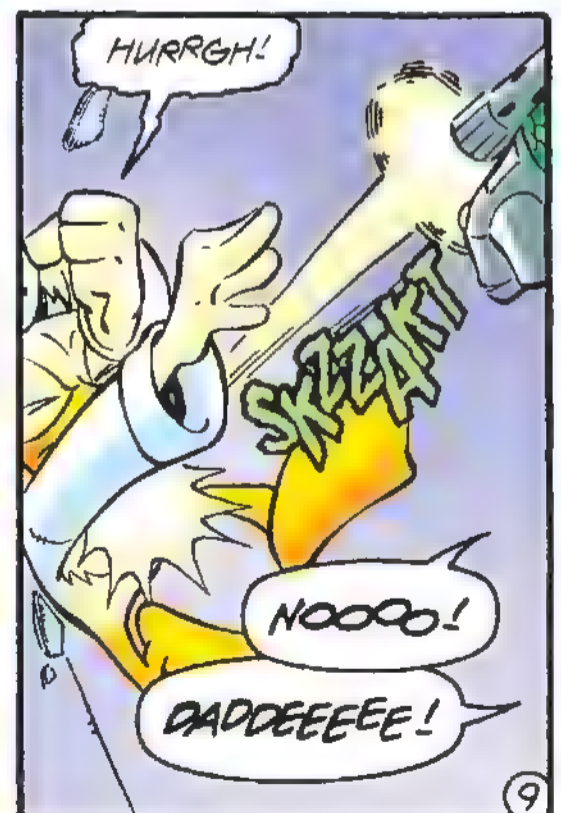
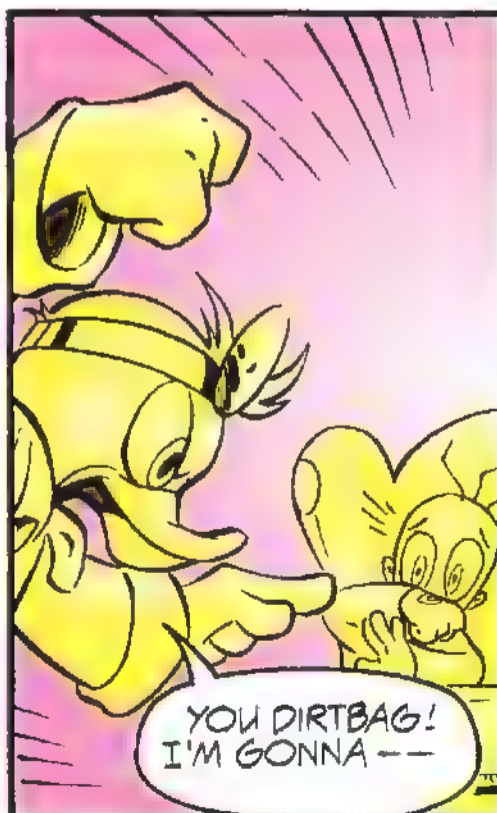
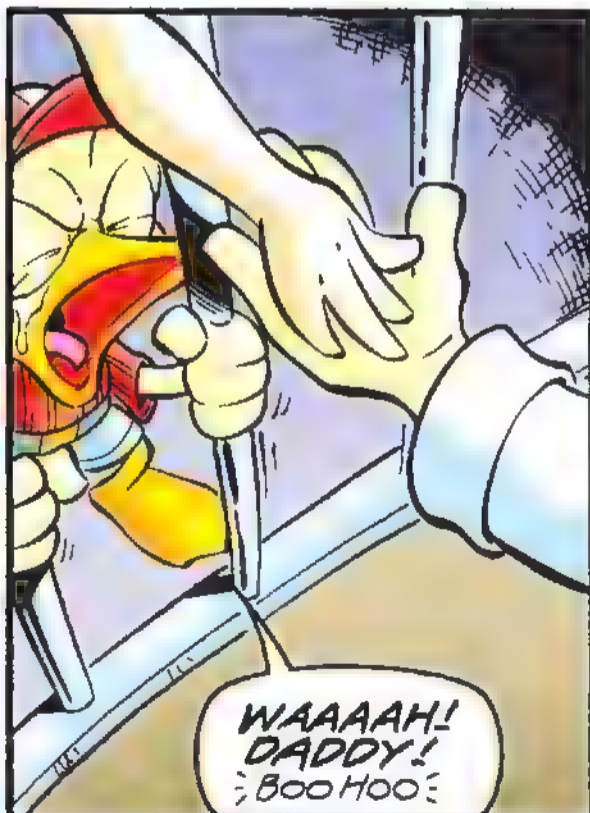
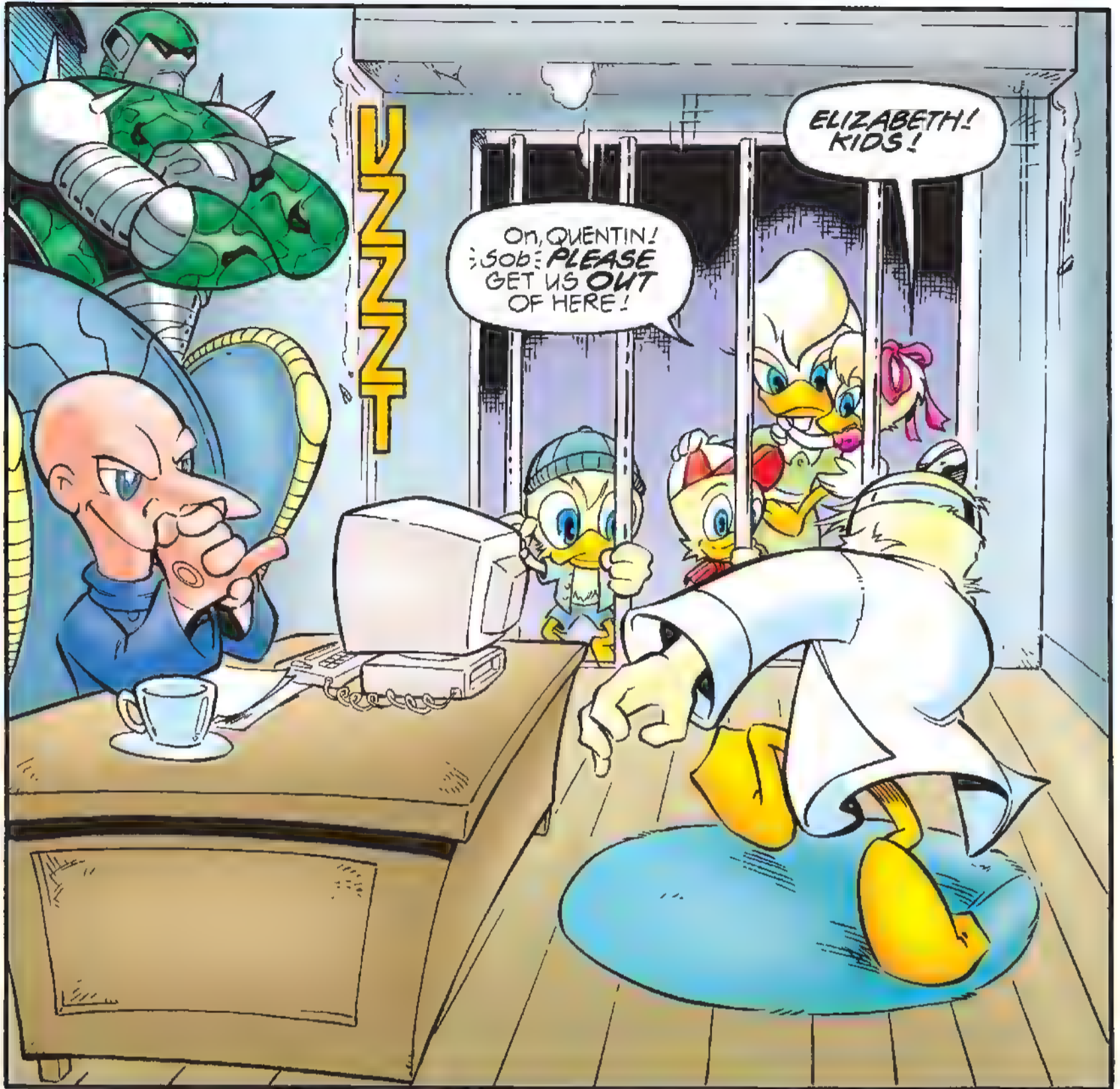
FOR *THIS* IS
ANYTHING *BUT*
YOUR BELOVED
SOVEREIGN...

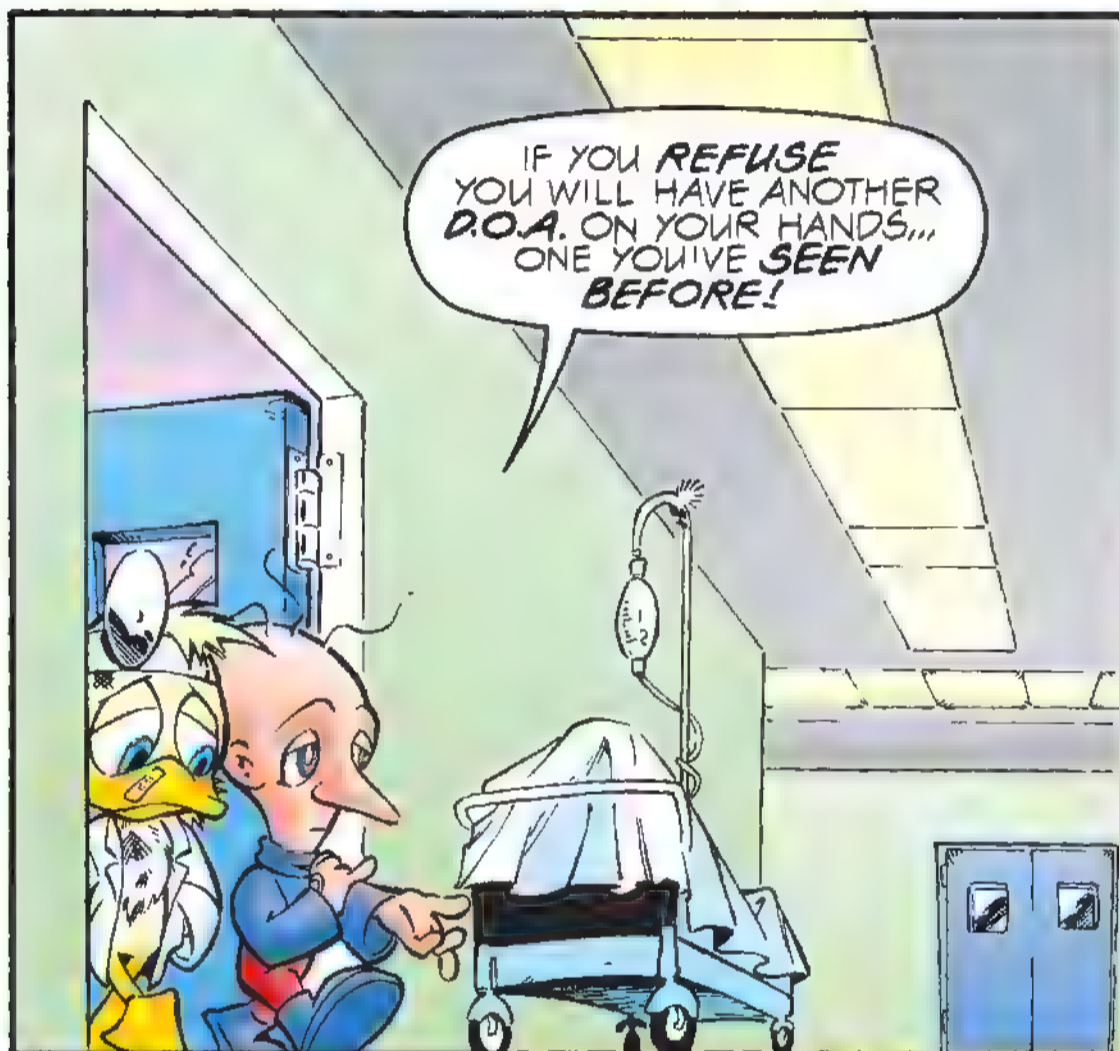
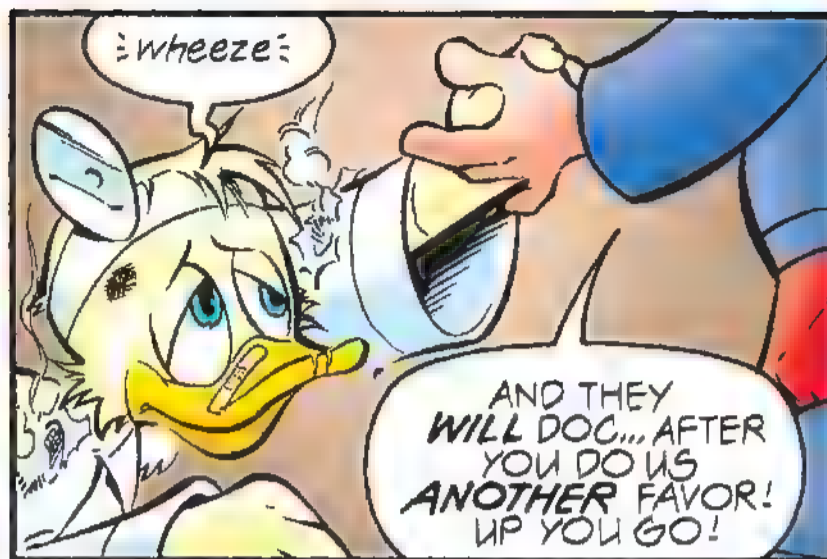
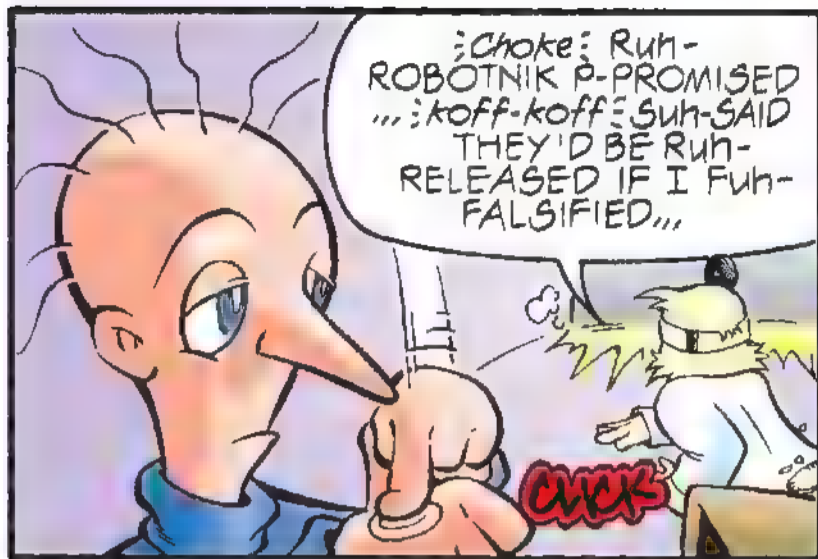


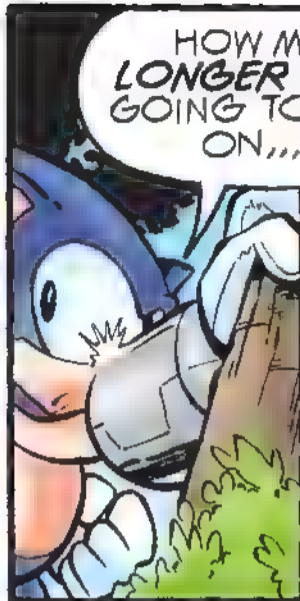


MEANWHILE IN
ROBOTROPOLIS...





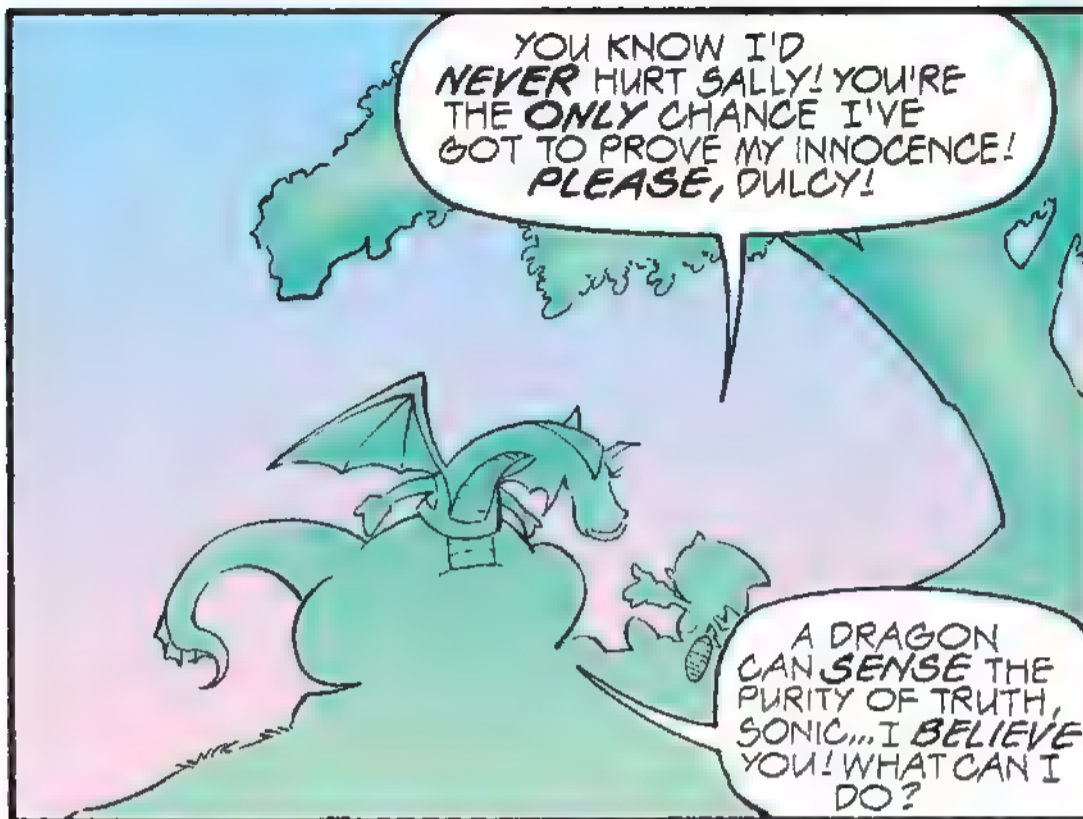


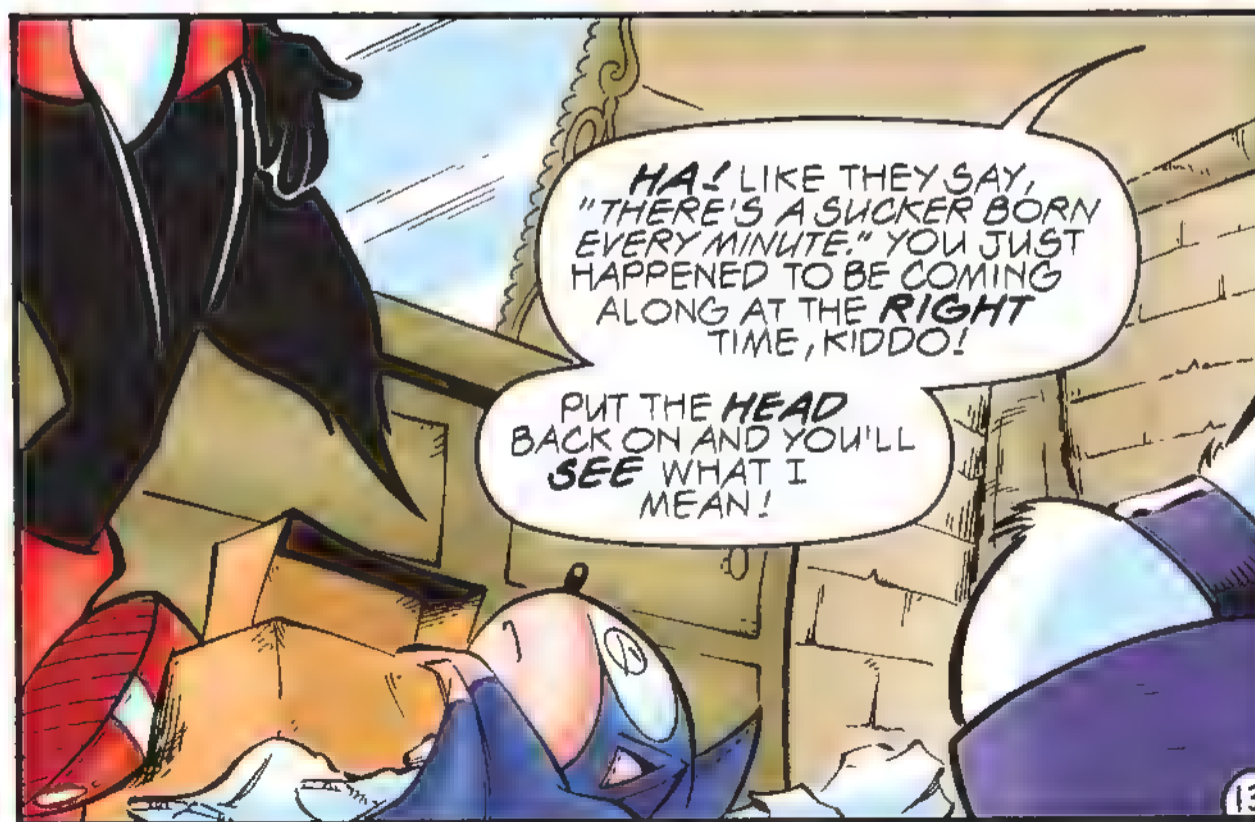
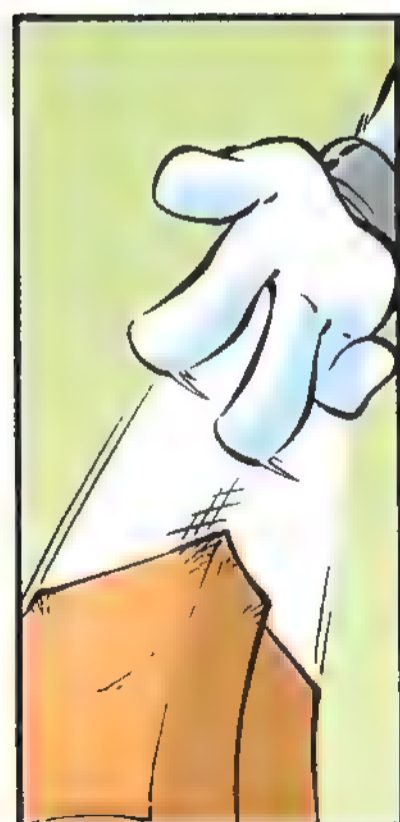


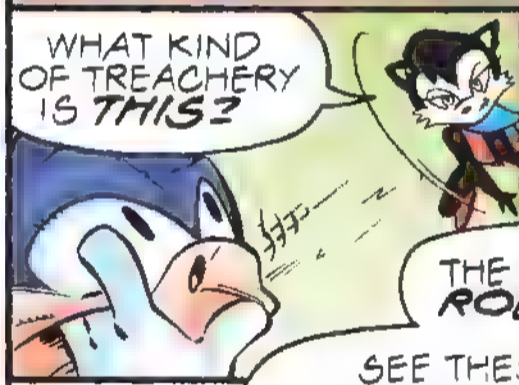
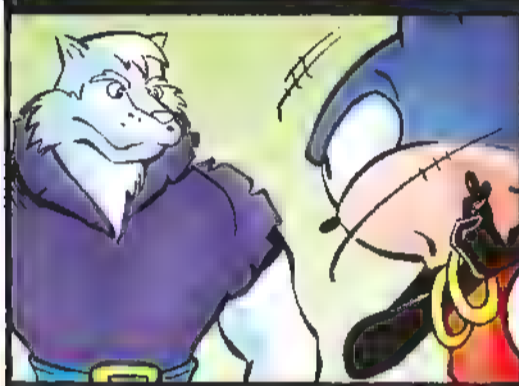
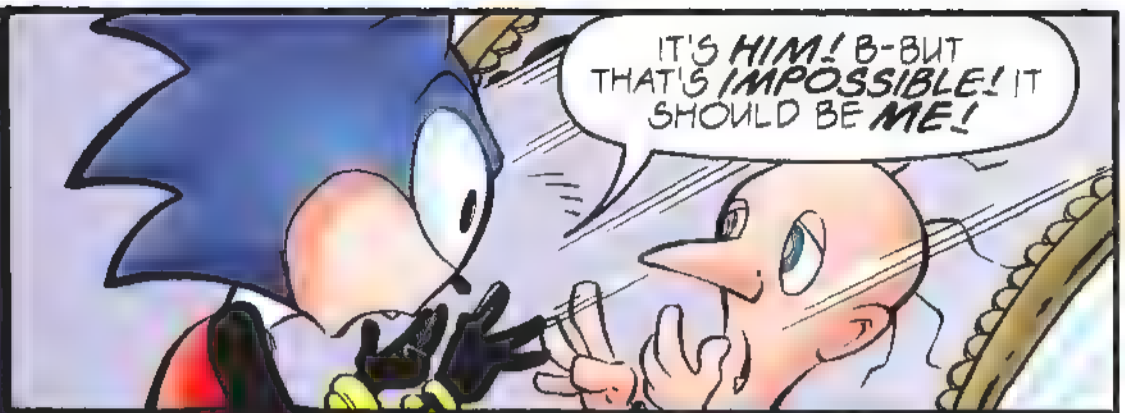
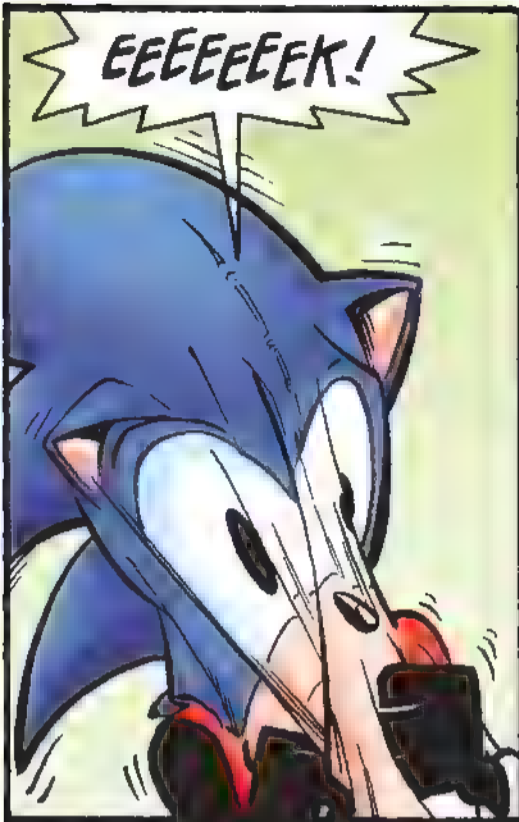
VIBRATING HIS VOCAL CHORDS AT A SPEED UNATTAINABLE BY ANY OTHER LIVING CREATURE, SONIC EMITS A HIGH-PITCHED WHISTLE--

ONE THAT CAN ONLY BE HEARD BY...









THE BEST KIND--
ROBOTNIK'S!

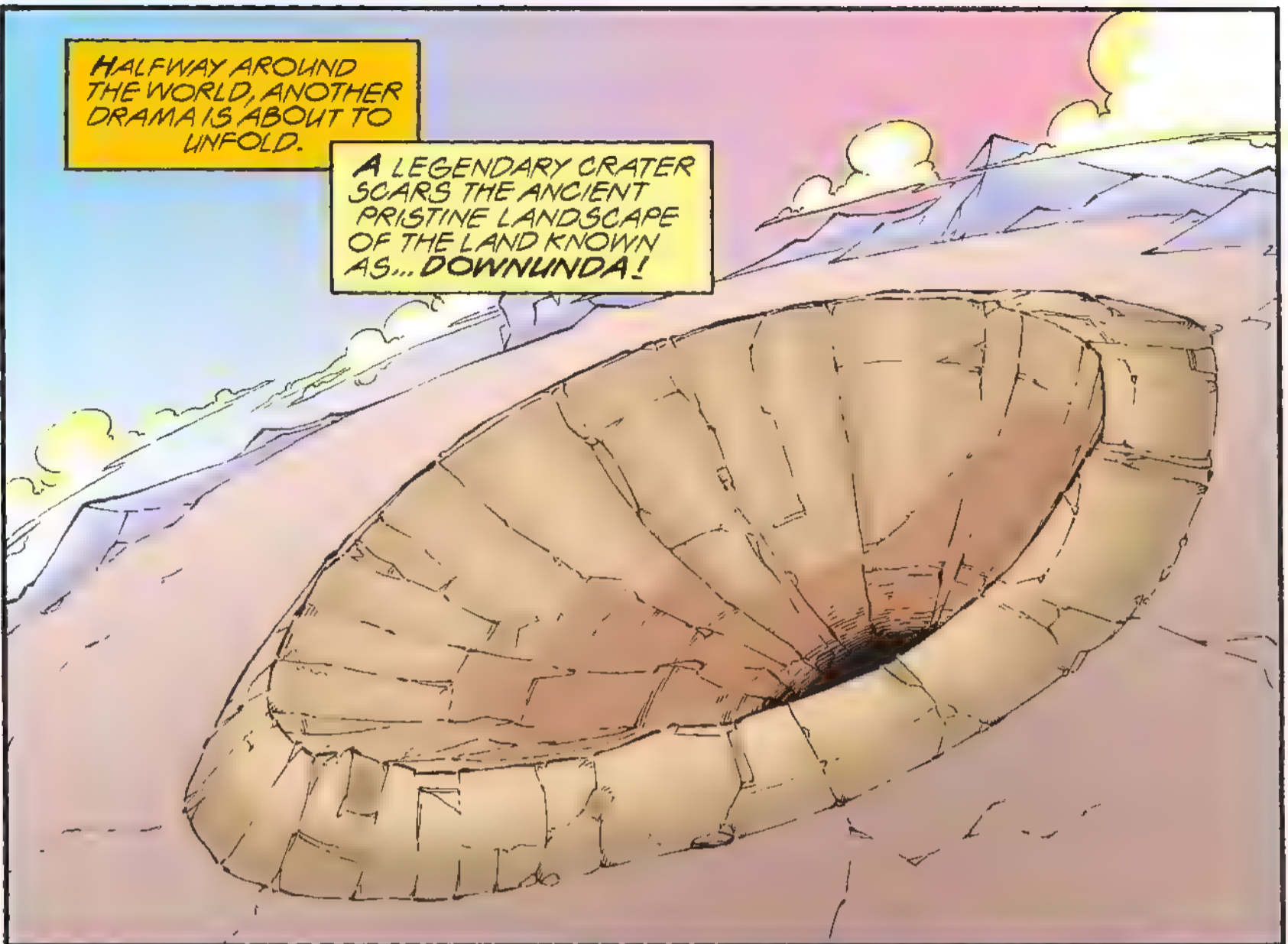
SEE THESE EYEPieces? THEY CONTAIN **OPTIC IMAGE REFRACTORS**. NO MATTER WHO YOU LOOK AT, IT APPEARS TO BE **SNIVELY!**

SO WHEN YOU CUT THE ROPE YOU **THOUGHT** SNIVELY WAS DANGLING FROM, YOU **REALLY** DROPPED PRINCESS SALLY TO HER **DEATH!**

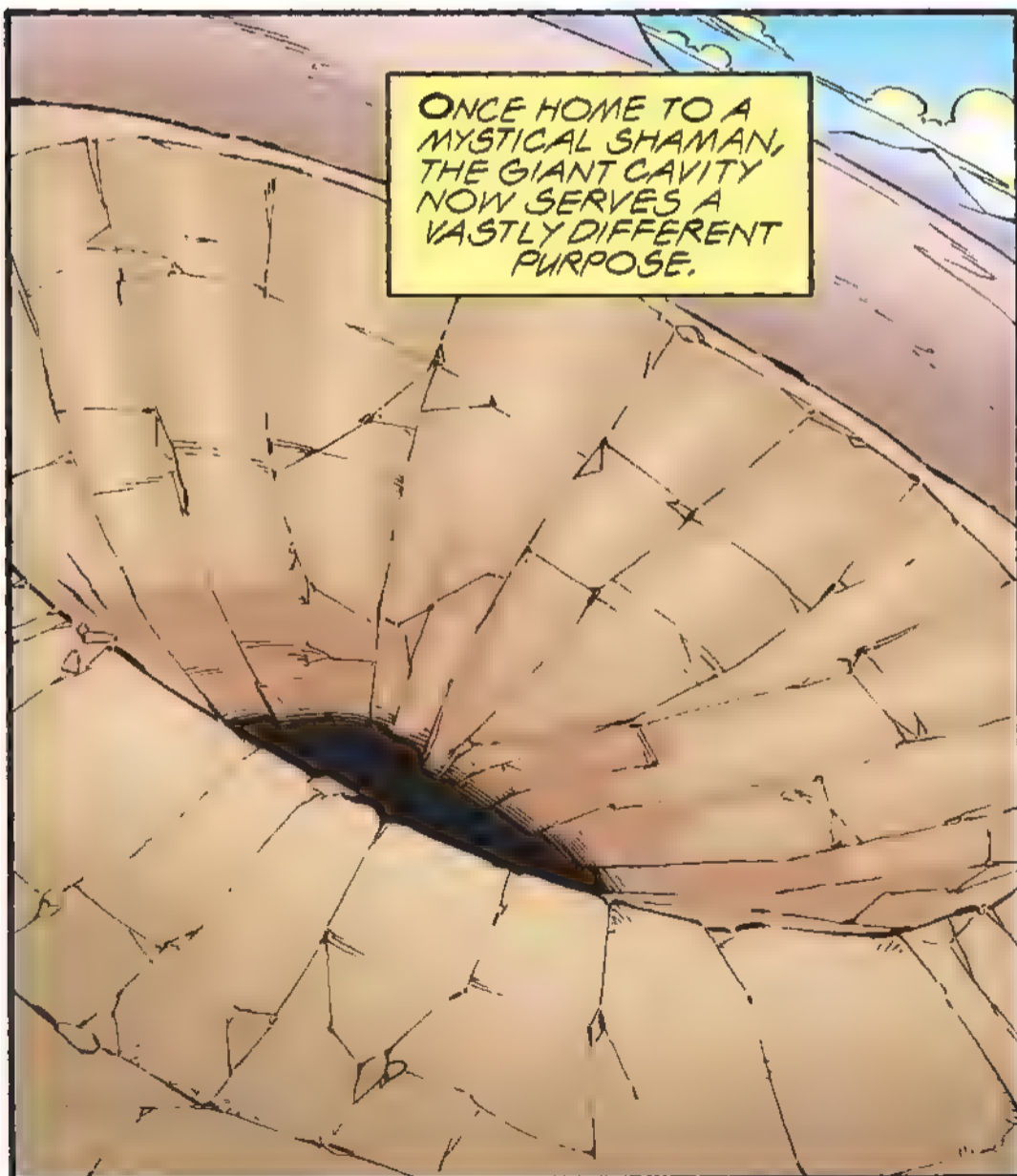
choke:
NO-HO-HO-
HOOOO...

HALFWAY AROUND
THE WORLD, ANOTHER
DRAMA IS ABOUT TO
UNFOLD.

A LEGENDARY CRATER
SCARS THE ANCIENT
PRISTINE LANDSCAPE
OF THE LAND KNOWN
AS... DOWNUNDA!



ONCE HOME TO A
MYSTICAL SHAMAN,
THE GIANT CAVITY
NOW SERVES A
VASTLY DIFFERENT
PURPOSE.



ONE THAT REEKS
OF SUFFERING,
DESPAIR AND
PALPABLE
MALEVOLENCE!

MOVE--
QUICKLY!





HURRY-IT-UP!

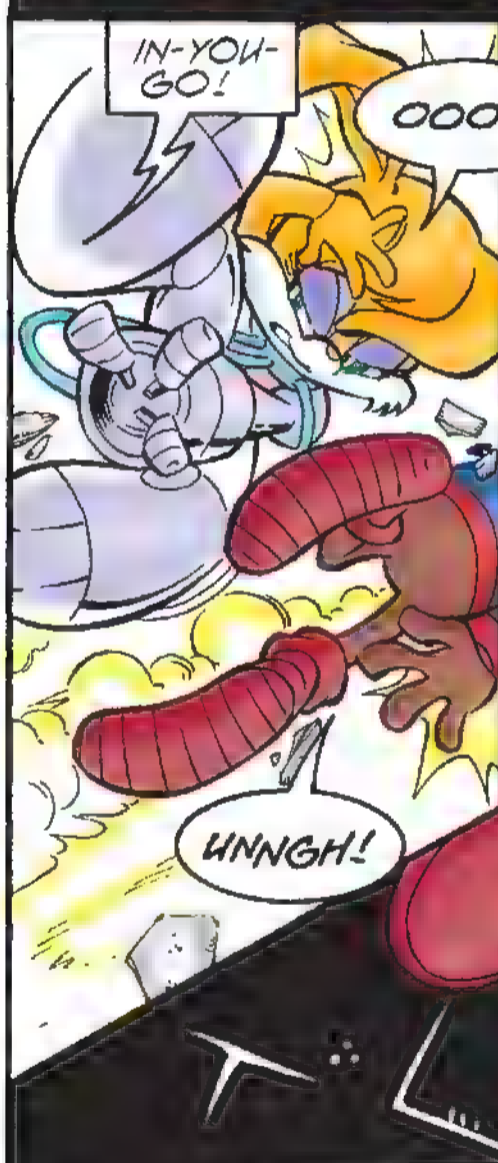
HOW DAYUH YOU MANHANDLE ME THAT WAY! WHY I OUGHTA--



CONTROL YOURSELF, BUNNIE! REMEMBAIRE' WHAT ZEY SAID WOULD 'APPEN!

INDEED-RABBOT! ANY-ATTEMPT-TO-UTILIZE-YOUR-BIONIC-APPEND-AGES-WILL-TRIGGER-YOUR-COLLAR-ALARM!

WHICH-IN-TURN WILL-ACTIVATE-THE-EXPLOSIVE-DEVICE-IN-HIS-COLLAR.



IN-YOU-GO!

OOOF!

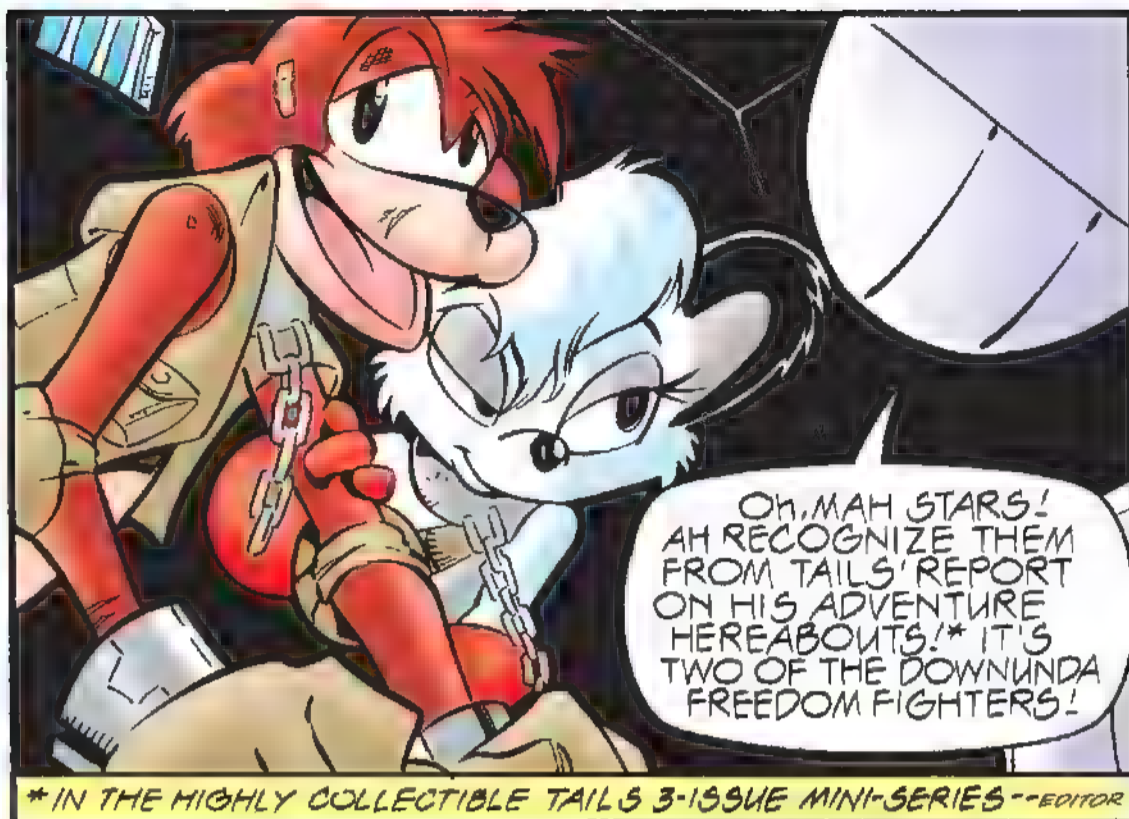
UNNGH!



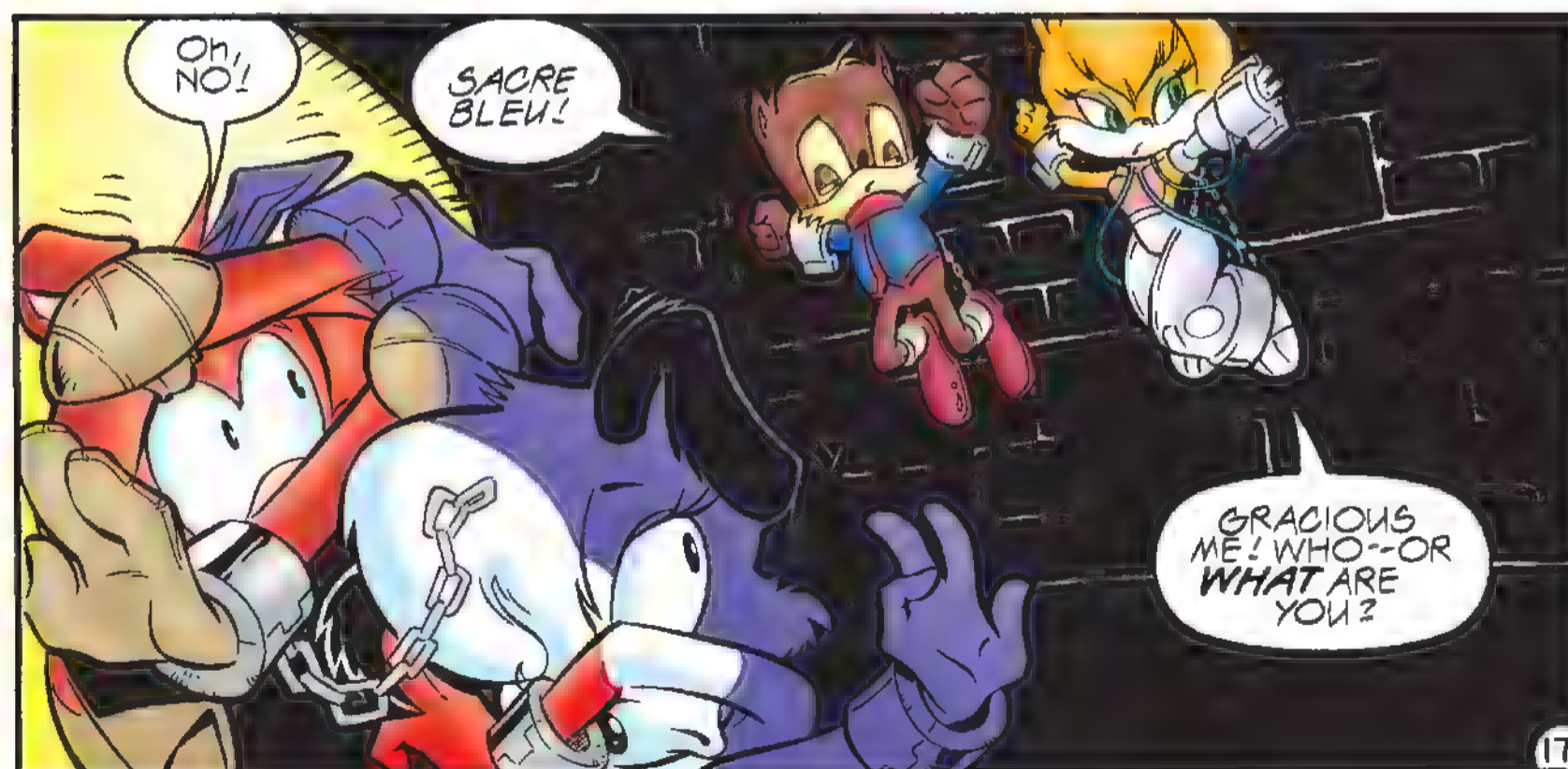
DON'T WORRY, SUGAH,...AH'LL KEEP MAH COOL--FOR NOW!

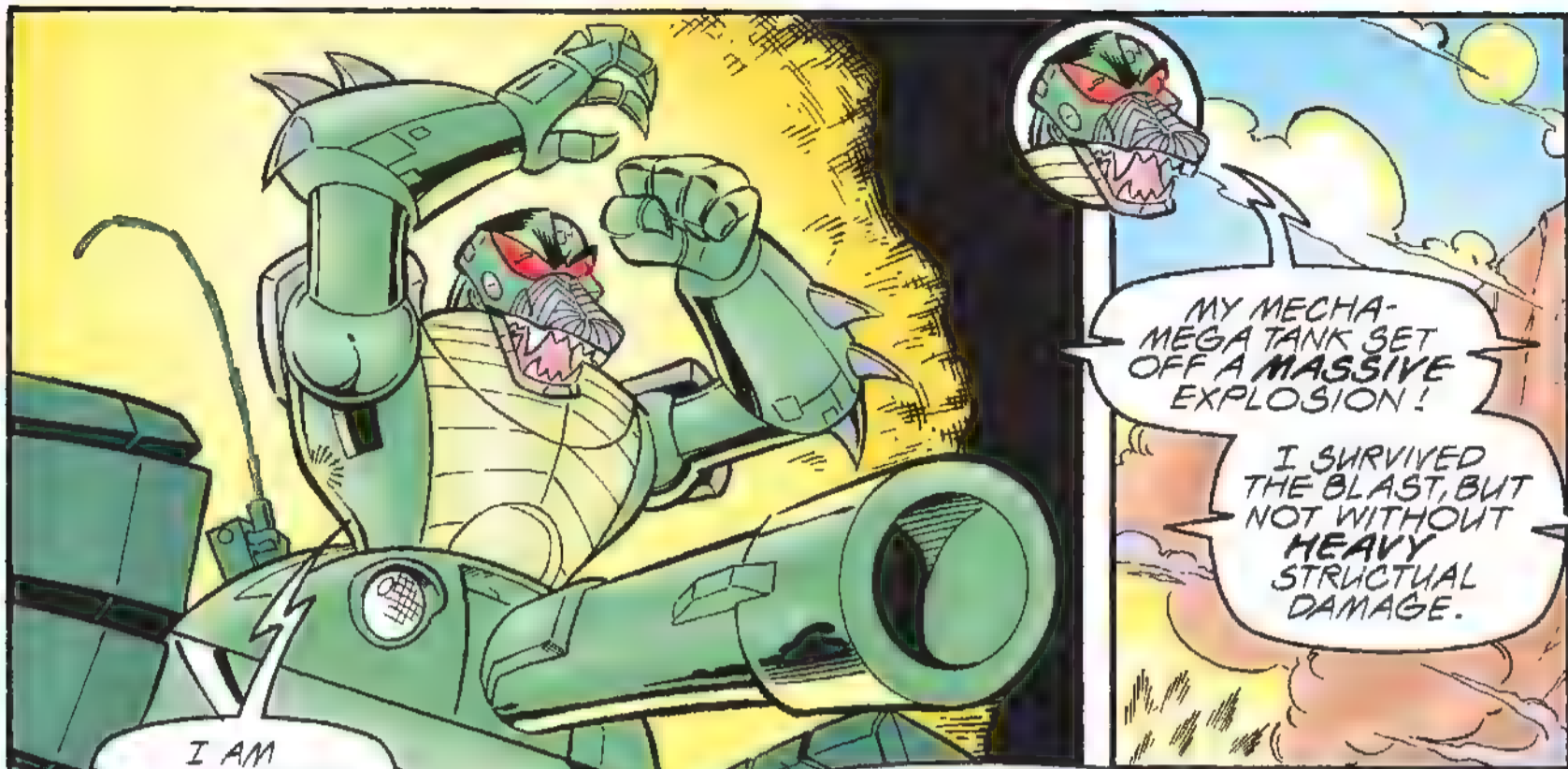
AND-WE'LL-KEEP-YOU-HERE---

--FOREVER!



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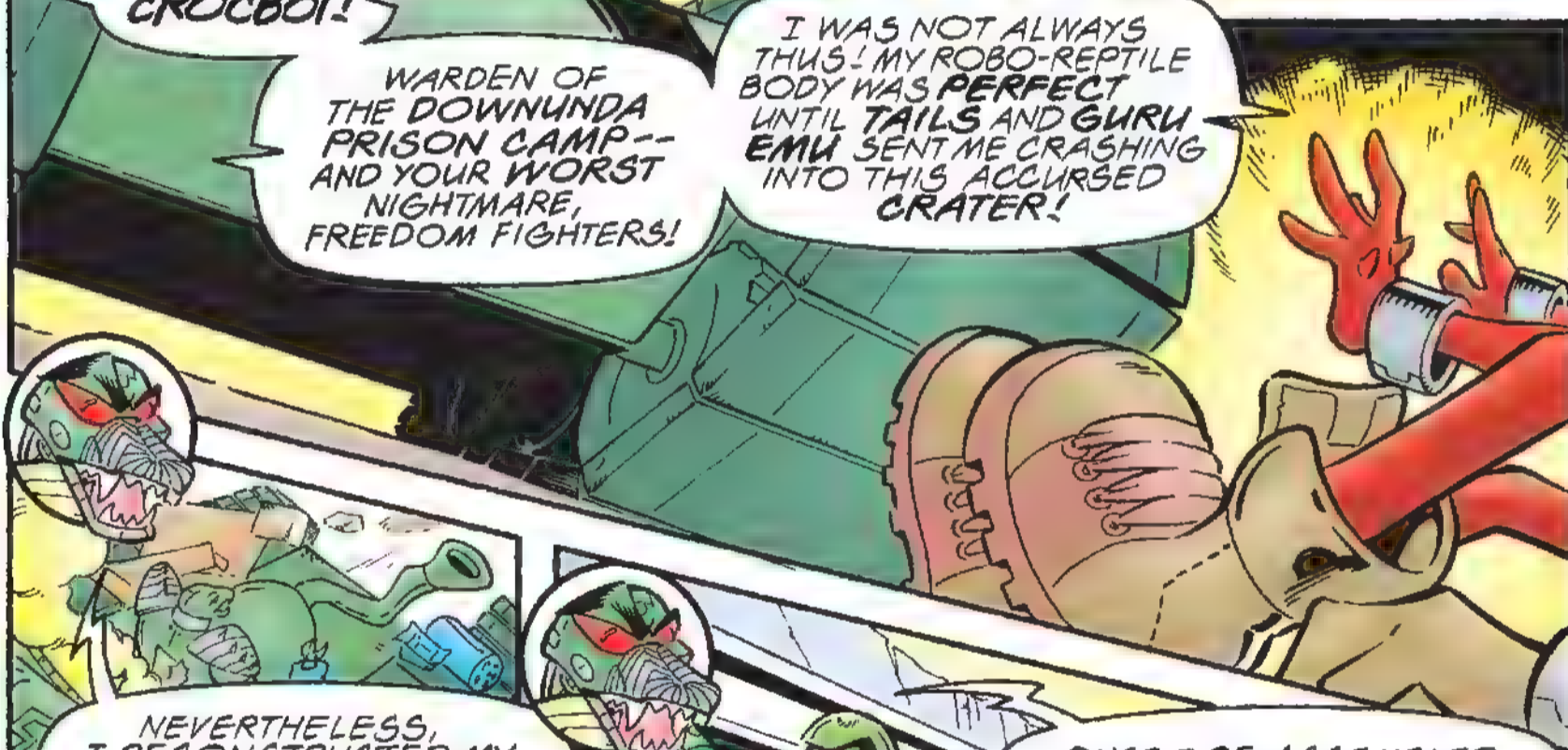
I AM
CROCBOT!

WARDEN OF
THE DOWNUNDA
PRISON CAMP--
AND YOUR WORST
NIGHTMARE,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

I WAS NOT ALWAYS
THUS! MY ROBO-REPTILE
BODY WAS **PERFECT**
UNTIL **TAILS** AND **GURU**
EMU SENT ME CRASHING
INTO THIS ACCURSED
CRATER!

MY MECHA-
MEGA TANK SET
OFF A **MASSIVE**
EXPLOSION!

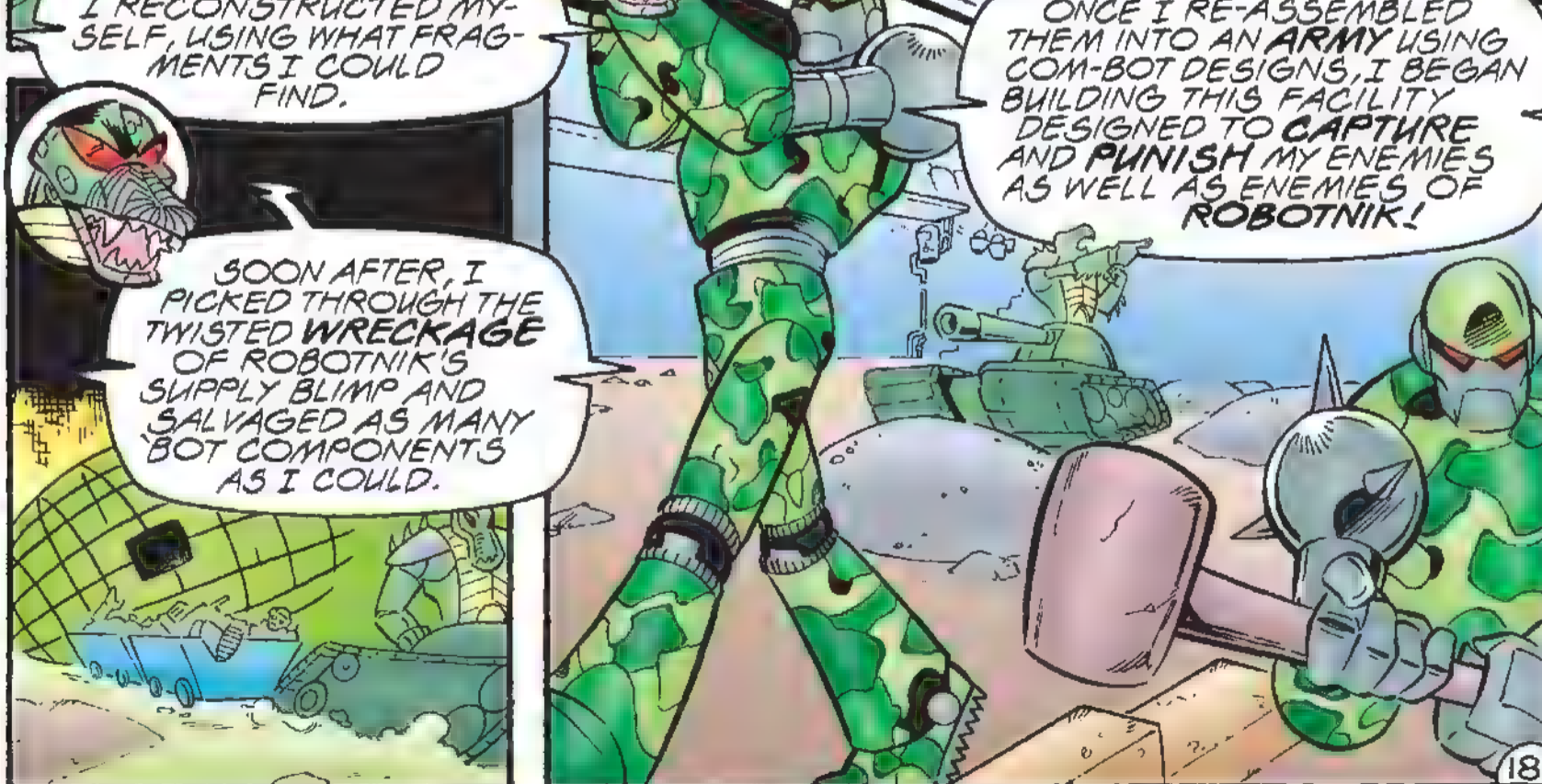
I SURVIVED
THE BLAST, BUT
NOT WITHOUT
HEAVY
STRUCTURAL
DAMAGE.



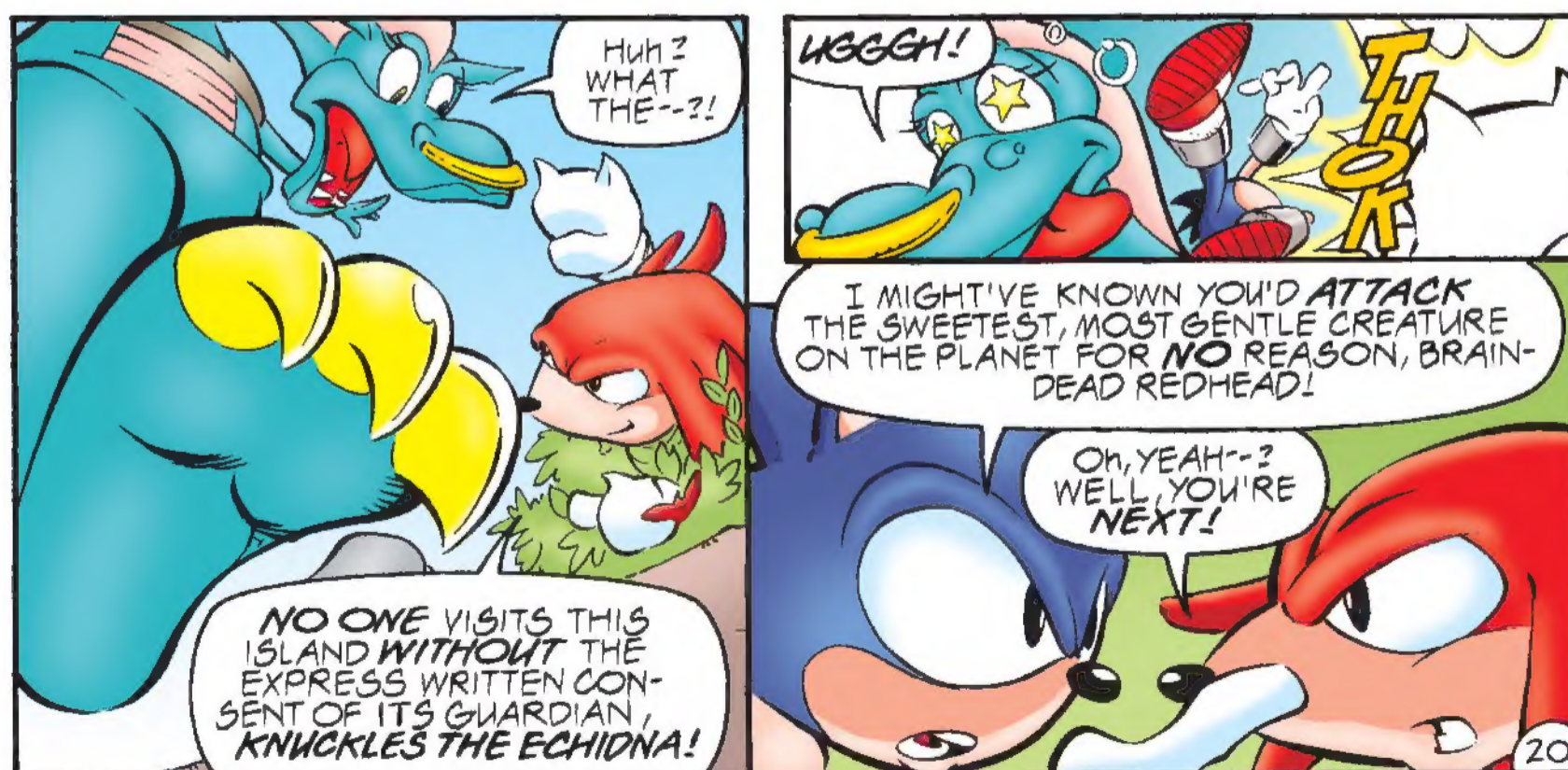
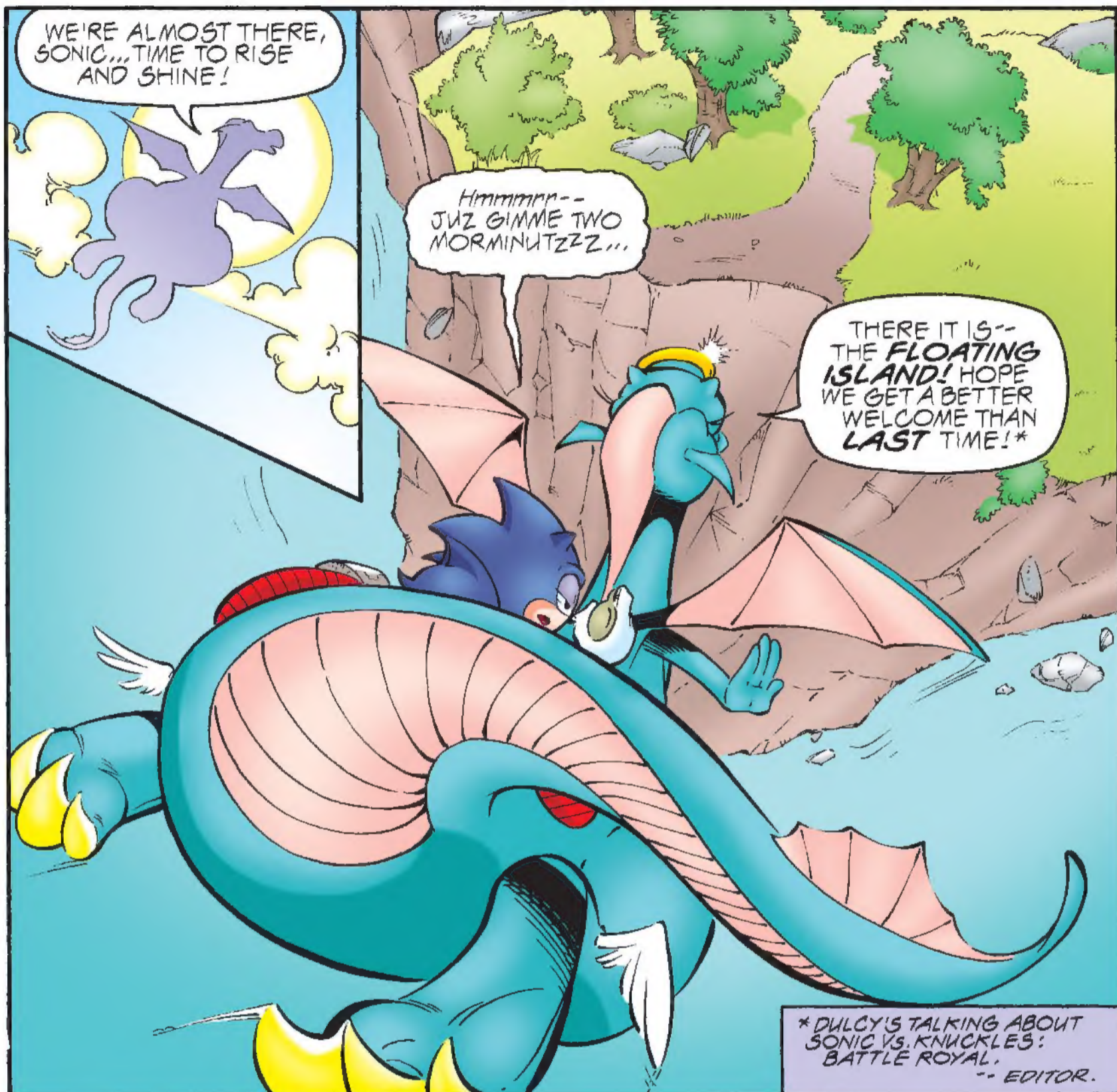
NEVERTHELESS,
I RECONSTRUCTED MY-
SELF, USING WHAT FRAG-
MENTS I COULD
FIND.

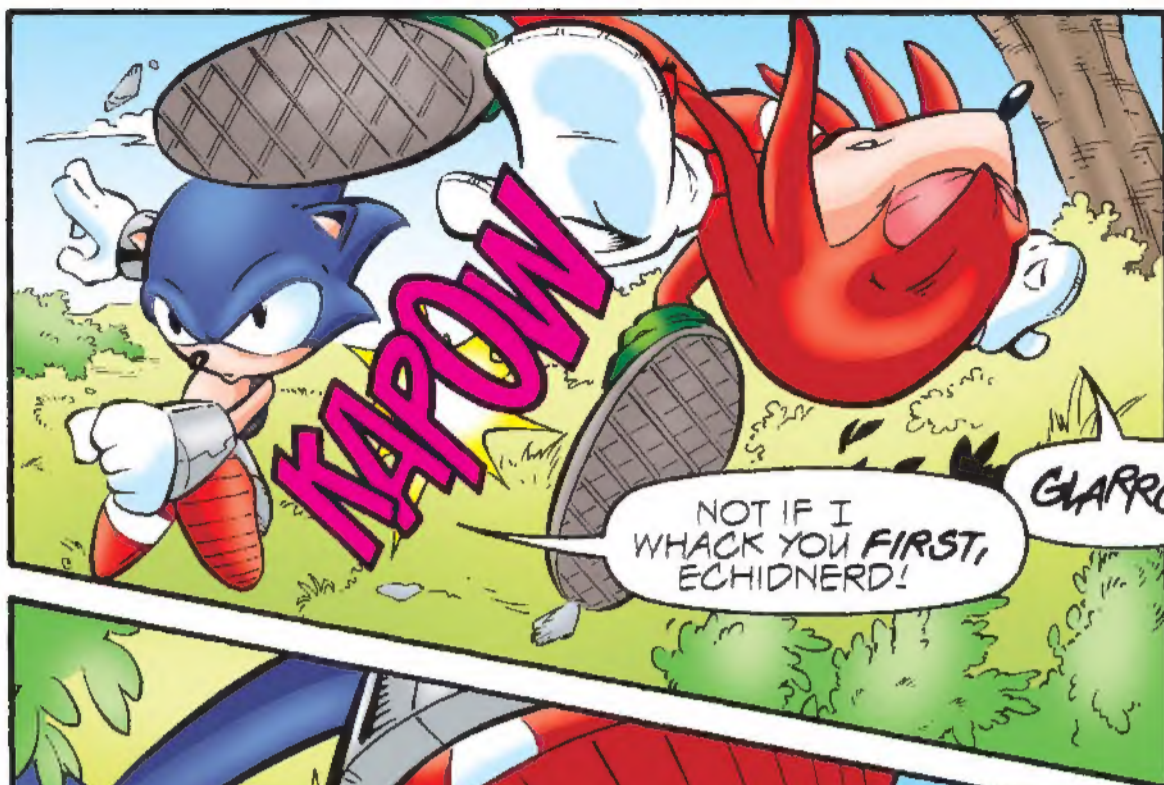
SOON AFTER, I
PICKED THROUGH THE
TWISTED **WRECKAGE**
OF ROBOTNIK'S
SUPPLY BLIMP AND
SALVAGED AS MANY
'BOT COMPONENTS
AS I COULD.

ONCE I RE-ASSEMBLED
THEM INTO AN **ARMY** USING
COM-BOT DESIGNS, I BEGAN
BUILDING THIS FACILITY
DESIGNED TO **CAPTURE**
AND **PUNISH** MY ENEMIES
AS WELL AS ENEMIES OF
ROBOTNIK!



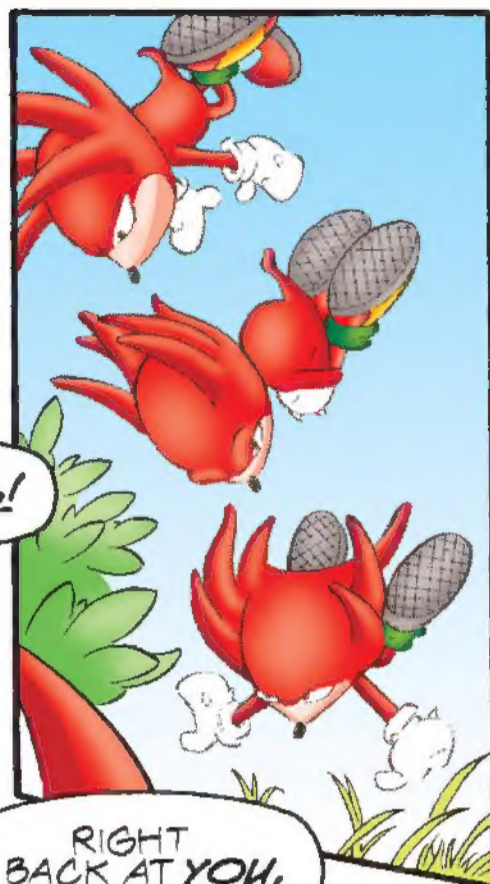




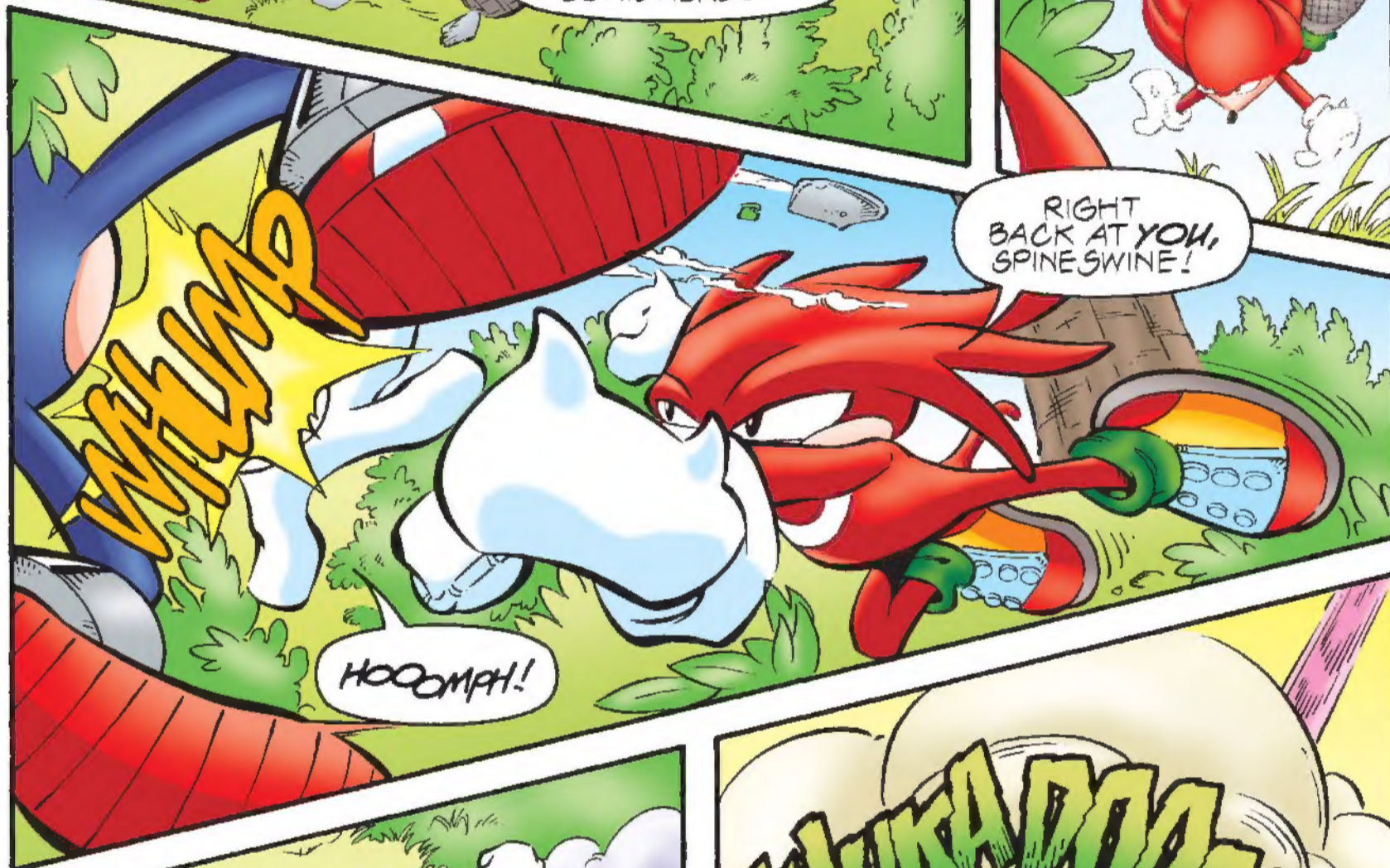


NOT IF I WHACK YOU **FIRST**, ECHIDNERD!

GLARRG!



RIGHT BACK AT YOU, SPINESWINE!



HOOOMPH!



THAT DOES IT-- I'M GONNA HIT YOU SO HARD, IT'LL HURT YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!

BAH! I STEP OVER **PUNKS** LIKE YOU TO GET TO A **REAL FIGHT**-- C'MON!



ESCAPE From The FLOATING ISLAND

BACK OFF, KNUCKLES!
IF ANYONE'S TAKING THE
HEDGEHOG DOWN, IT'LL
BE ME!

FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS,
HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS
AND PLACE YOUR BETS! IT'S
THE ULTIMATE THREE-WAY
BATTLE OF THE **SEGA**
CENTURY!

WHO'S GOING TO FIGHT
WHO? WILL ANY TWO
COMBATANTS JOIN FORCES
AGAINST THE OTHER?

AND DOES ANYONE KNOW
OR CARE THAT THE FATE
OF AN ENTIRE PLANET
HANGS BY A THREAD?

WHO--?

ST. JOHN!

TO BE CONCLUDED IN
THE ACTION-PACKED,
PULSE-POUNDING,
NOT-TO-BE-BELIEVED
(OR MISSED)

SONIC

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